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Man arrested after serious three-vehicle crash

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury through dangerous driving after a three-vehicle collision near Fonmon last month.

The 25-year-old has been released under investigation and police are continuing to investigate the crash, which took place on the B4265 at 4.40pm on December 6.

Police appealed for information after a motorist fled the scene of the collision, which left another driver in hospital over the festive period with serious injuries.

The injured father-of-one spent Christmas at the University Hospital of Wales, where he continues to undergo surgery.

Two other vehicles were involved in the collision – a red Audi A1, and a white Ford Fiesta.

The occupant of the Fiesta fled the scene prior to the arrival of the emergency services.

Despite the arrest, police are continuing to appeal for information.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information should call police on 101 quoting quoting 1900449617.

The driver of the car pictured right spent the festive period in hospital undergoing surgery for serious injuries suffered in the collision.

Christmas stories at Ysgol Dewi Sant

See the full story and lots more photos on page eight

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We have lost a top Secretary of State for Wales

IN an era when 'fake news' and unsubstantiated allegations are common media outlets who like to be perceived as purveyors of accurate political views and opinions I find it amazing that the self proclaimed newspaper of Wales and the two major Welsh broadcasters headlined the claim that the then Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns, was familiar with the details of the court case in which Ross England was involved.

Mr Cairns' response to the allegation was immediate, he denied such knowledge, resigned as Secretary of State for Wales, subjected himself to a full Ministerial inquiry and asked for the matter to rest until the result of that enquiry was published.

He then asked to be allowed to canvass in his constituency without the matter becoming a constant topic of questioning.

Despite this he was hounded by the media at every opportunity, which must have caused him and his family a great deal of distress.

December has proved to be a very successful month for Mr Cairns.

He retained his seat as Member of Parliament for the Vale of Glamorgan with an increased majority, the Conservatives made huge inroads in the Principality and won a decisive majority in Westminster.

In addition of course the enquiry has confirmed his initial statement that he was not aware of the details of the said court case.

Now is the time for a full and unconditional apology from those media outlets whose 'fake news' reporting misled the Welsh public and resulted in us losing a top quality Secretary of State for Wales.

It would be appropriate if those involved offered their resignations and were the subject of an inquiry in order to identify the reasons why they acted as they did but I am not holding my breath that any action will be taken despite their actions.

Gareth Jones,
Colwinston

Support line to hit quarter of a million

AS 2019 draws to a close, I am writing to you to let your readers know that calls to the Macmillan Support Line will hit almost a quarter of a million this year.

Staff on our free support line, which is open 365 days a year, have already received more than 240,000 enquiries in 2019 and supported more than 65,000 people – 7% more people than in 2018 and 14% more than the year before that.

Last year alone, we supported almost 100 people over the 'three days of Christmas' (Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day).

The number one reason callers contacted Macmillan was for emotional support, with 20% more people calling with issues such as anxiety, fear and depression than the previous year.

Staff also point to callers needing support as they experience so called "scanxiety" - anxiety related to waiting for results and treatment.

Thanks to generous donations from the public, Macmillan expanded our support line opening hours last year to meet growing demand.

Staff taking calls say many people living with cancer ring up in distress having not had the time they needed to process information when speaking with their healthcare team.

For support, advice or just a chat, I want to let your readers know they can call our support line free on 0808 808 0000.

Macmillan does all it can to help people living with cancer live their lives as fully as they can such as running our support line, but we cannot do it alone.

To do something amazing today and support Macmillan, visit macmillan.org.uk/getinvolved.

Richard Pugh,
Macmillan Cancer Support

Election musings

I hope that Alun Cairns has learned a valuable lesson about loyalty towards Boris Johnson in his decision to step down from the cabinet, viz.: Boris Johnson is quite prepared to throw anyone under the bus to advance his ambition.

Some may say that a cardboard cut-out with a blue rosette would have been voted for by some people in this electorate.

Spotted on Facebook. Somehow seems appropriate.:-

"Dear Tory Voter. What we need you to do now. So well done, first of all. You listened to the arguments, the same ones I listened to. You heard all the same information I did.

You listened to the same debates that I did, but you, along with 43.6% of the country, voted Conservative. And you won. I take that – it was a democratic process and sometimes in the democratic process you lose.

Firstly, don't stop with your political passion and activism, because we need you now. We need you to be active, we need you to keep talking to the people who you trusted with this vote, and we need you to hold their feet to the fire.

There will be another General election in 2024, if not before, and by then, you will know whether their promises are good or not. So make it clear to them that you are watching to see if they were telling the truth or not.

If you voted Tory to 'get Brexit done' by the end of 2020, make sure we are fully out by the end of 2020, if we are still bogged down in complex trade discussions after 2020 then vote them out, because they lied to you.

If you voted Tory to protect the NHS, then make sure it is not privatised, or any part of it sold off as part of a trade deal, if it is, then vote them out, because they lied to you.

If you voted Tory because of the promise of 50,000 'extra' nurses, and 20,000 'extra' police, make sure they are recruited and trained. If they're not, then vote them out, because they lied to you.

If you voted Tory because you were reassured the economy would be as good as or better than it is now and it turns out that the pound doesn't recover to pre-referendum levels, more businesses have left and people have lost their jobs, then vote them out, because they lied to you.

If you voted Tory because of all the immigration, and it turns out that the 'Australian style points based system' that they implement means immigration doesn't go down, then vote them out, because they lied to you.

If you find no action being taken on climate change, more people living in poverty, more usage of food banks, your rights taken away, then vote them out, because they lied to you.

So please, if you find that they lied to you, vote them out. And vote for people who will tell you uncomfortable, complicated truths, rather than easy, simple lies."

Tim Jefferson,
Llantwit Major

Retain our beauty spots

NOT wishing to inflict bah humbug on anyone at this time of year, I can't help but think our natural places of beauty need to be retained as such.

I am talking about the knap gardens and Porthkerry park in particular.

I am all for people expressing themselves in a tranquil setting, however when that setting becomes a danger to the wildlife these areas support I think it is time for a rethink.

Trees decorated with swathes of ribbon, plastic tokens tied on with string, baubles, trinkets and lights tied to branches and railings, they all represent something to someone, however after time and in bad weather they deteriorate, they either break off and fall into the water or end up on the grass which could cause unnecessary suffering to the wild birds whose diet is primarily the grass on which these decorations fall and become broken and trodden on.

I have disposed of items and ribbon into the bin and I now see baubles on the grass.

The items are meaningful to those who place them there but perhaps biodegradable natural materials are more suitable as would be regular removals of any decaying matter for the safety of all the beautiful wildlife that inhabit our natural parks we all wish to enjoy.

T Abery
Barry

Another year over, yet another decline for nature!

AS another year ends and another one begins, we must all take a little time to look back and perhaps dare to look ahead.

For our precious remaining wildlife it's been yet another year of decline!

The numbers of Britain's species have more than halved since the 1970's, with one in ten species threatened with extinction from our shores.

The abundance of our wildlife has fallen dramatically.

Insects have been particularly badly hit...moths declining by 88 %, ground Beatles 72% and butterflies by a shocking 76%.

The State of Nature report, compiled by scientists from fifty conservation organisations discovered that the UK has lost significantly more biodiversity than the world average, listing us as one of the most nature depleted countries in the world!

As 2020 begins we can either choose to ignore this inconvenient truth or actually start doing something about it.

Business as usual is just not an option!

We all need to make a little space for Nature to thrive, whether in our gardens, our parks, our roadsides or even on our industrial estates.

Above all join a conservation group, it doesn't matter which one, we all need more help and support.

Only then can we hope to build a movement which can finally make that change that our wildlife is crying out for!

Rob Curtis,
Barry Action for Nature

A case of sour grapes

READING the local news recently I noticed Madeleine Moon describe Bridgend being in a huge mess and having elected an inexperienced new Conservative MP Jamie Wallis.

As far I am aware Bridgend is controlled by a Labour Council .

Perhaps Bridgend needs experienced business people to run the Council.

With regards to having an inexperienced new MP, Madeleine Moon and Labour were quite willing to accept inexperienced MPs in Barnsley east, Bedford, and Blaydon in 2017.

Is it because they all had one thing in common, they were all trade unionists?

If she had listened to her constituents wishes in 2016 and not done everything in her power to thwart them, then maybe she would still be collecting her £70 thousand plus wages.

Having Jeremy Corbyn as a Labour leader and not being more vocal in her opposition to him didn't help either.

L Roberts, Brackla

Councillors should resign and fight by-elections

HAVING read both Andrew RT Davies' comments and the response by the three Cowbridge councillors I fail to see in which way his comments were 'misleading', as they claim.

The Vale Council's cabinet is proposing to merge Y Bont Faen Primary and Cowbridge Comprehensive schools which, in his capacity as an AM (not a councillor), he opposes and he therefore encourages them to take certain steps themselves.

The Cowbridge councillors refer to the proposed consultation that is to take place.

I trust that in due course more note will be taken of the result of that than the three Cowbridge members took of the results of the consultations on Llancarfan School, which they totally ignored, preferring to read out set 'questions' at cabinet meetings to ensure that the 'correct' answers were provided by officers.

Finally they refer to representing the views of their constituents.

Perhaps they should consider that in May 2017 their constituents voted overwhelmingly for Conservative councillors to enable a Conservative administration to replace one led by Labour, to see only two years later their councillors prop up another Labour-led administration that seems determined to destroy local schools.

If they truly want to represent the views of their constituents they should resign their seats and fight by-elections, but I doubt they will do so.

Cllr GC Kemp, Rhoose

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL JANUARY 9

Date	Time	Height (metres)
02/01/2020	10.18	8.1
02/01/2020	23.09	7.9
03/01/2020	11.22	7.8
03/01/2020	23.57	7.6
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04/01/2020	12.31	7.9
05/01/2020	01.14	7.7
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06/01/2020	14.46	8.1
07/01/2020	03.21	8.2
07/01/2020	15.42	8.3
08/01/2020	04.11	8.4
08/01/2020	16.27	8.6
09/01/2020	04.53	8.8
09/01/2020	17.14	9.1

While the Gem makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Urgent plea for help after man's shock death abroad

A DESPERATE fundraising appeal has been launched after a young Barry man unexpectedly died in Cambodia.

Lewis Davies, who had been working in Cambodia teaching English, had a seizure while sleeping in bed and his heart stopped. After half-an-hour of CPR, he died.

His family have launched an online fundraising page with a target of £10,000 to pay to have Mr Davies' body flown back to the UK.

Unfortunately at the time of his death, the 26-year-old's insurance had lapsed.

A family spokesman said: "We are raising money to help bring Lewis Davies home for a proper burial.

"It is going to cost £10,000 to bring his body home and put him to rest. Please if you could spare any money to help bring Lewis back, we would be forever grateful.

"We are in desperate need as if his body is in Cambodia for too long he will be cremated there without any of his family.

"We are all in shock and absolutely heartbroken to have lost our kind, lovely Lewis."

LEFT: Lewis Davies, aged 26, who died while teaching English in Cambodia.

Vale MP Alun Cairns has been supporting the family in their dealings with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is urging people to support the fundraising campaign.

He said: "I'm incredibly sad to hear of Lewis' unexpected passing. Lewis was a passionate community campaigner, involved with many charities and organisations including Bro Radio and Atal y Fro. He also stood in Vale Council elections in Cadoc ward. This is a tragic story. At this time of year when family is so important, his mother Joanne has received the worst of news and reuniting Lewis and his family locally would mean so much. I would encourage everyone to show their support. Please donate what you can."

So far just under £1,500 has been raised online.

To donate visit www.gofundme.com/f/mttr83-get-lewis-home.

Ex-Welsh Secretary cleared of wrongdoing

LEFT: Former Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP Alun Cairns.

FORMER Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns has been cleared of breaching the government's ministerial code over claims he knew an ex-aide collapsed a rape trial.

An inquiry found it "unlikely" Mr Cairns, who was re-elected as the Vale's MP last month, would not have been told anything about Ross England's role in the collapsed trial.

Sir Alex Allan, who carried out the investigation, said in his report: "I find it unlikely that Mr Cairns would not have been told something about Mr England's role when he was told about the collapse.

"But all involved state they had not informed Mr Cairns of Mr England's role, and there is no direct evidence to contradict this.

"On that basis, I do not find that the evidence upholds the allegations of a breach of the ministerial code."

Mr Cairns denied knowing Mr England had made claims about the rape victim's sexual history in an April 2018 trial.

But reporters at BBC Wales discovered Mr Cairns was emailed about the incident in August 2018 - four months before Mr England was selected to contest the Vale of Glamorgan seat in the assembly elections.

Mr Cairns, who was the cabinet's longest-serving minister having been appointed in 2016, previously said he only became aware of Mr England's role in the trial's collapse when the story broke in November 2019.

He quit his role as Boris Johnson's Secretary of State for Wales after the row broke out, just before the start of the general election campaign.

Mr Johnson has filled Mr Cairns' old job with Simon Hart, the MP for Carmarthenshire West and South Pembrokeshire.

'Stop M4 link road to keep air clean,' campaigners say

A GROUP which is campaigning to stop a proposed link road from the M4 to the A48 at Sycamore Cross says that a new Welsh Government 'Clean Air Plan' supports their case.

Vale Communities for Future Generations (VCFFG) is campaigning on behalf of residents in Pendoylan, which is close to the proposed new road.

Dr Simon Huddart, a member of VCFFG, said: "This road plan is clearly past its sell by date. The 2017 proposal to put a major link road from the M4 at Junction 34 to the already congested A48 at Sycamore Cross to improve access to Cardiff International Airport was conceived at a time when economic growth and the development of the Welsh Government-owned airport was considered of paramount importance.

"Since then, we have all become aware of the impact of air pollution, especially from cars and lorries, and that we need to reduce traffic to protect public health and of the young in particular – our future generations!

"We have a vibrant village primary school in Pendoylan. Building a polluting and environmentally damaging new road to encourage more car journeys and therefore more air pollution for our children to breathe in daily is no longer acceptable and certainly not in line with current public thinking."

He added: "Climate Change also has to be considered in a way it wasn't in the original proposal. Both the Vale Council and the Welsh Government have, since the road plan was first published, declared a Climate Emergency. There is pressure on us all to reduce our carbon footprint, drive less and certainly to fly less and that suggests the original reason for the road has evaporated."

The Clean Air Plan recognises that air pollution is the largest environmental risk to health and that there is strong evidence linking it with poor health such as heart and lung diseases, as well as adverse environmental impacts. It also acknowledges that in Wales, problems persist.

The Clean Air Plan announced by Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs is out for public consideration and responses must be made by March 2020.

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Group receives £1,000 boost from National Lottery

WITH Music in Mind, a project supporting people in the Vale of Glamorgan, has been awarded a £1,000 grant from the National Lottery.

The social enterprise, which runs singing and social groups for older people including those with dementia, were successful in applying for the money through the lottery's Community Fund.

The group will use the cash to hold a celebration to mark five years of With Music in Mind.

The event will include entertainment from David Alacey's Rat Pack tribute band as well as afternoon tea, games and a raffle.

Welcoming the grant, Sarah Miles, managing director, said: "The grant from The National Lottery Community Fund will make a big difference to our organisation's celebration next year, as it will enable us to make the event accessible to as many people as possible".

Man facing murder charge appears in court

A 24-YEAR-OLD man has appeared in court charged with stabbing another man in front of shoppers in Barry town centre.

Jordan Brown, from Barry, is accused of murdering Jordan Davies, aged 23, in Holton Road at around 4pm on December 16.

Brown spoke only to confirm his name, address and nationality during a short hearing at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on December 18.

He was remanded in custody and is expected to appear in court again on February 14.

Mr Davies' family said in a statement: "Jordan was a loving son, brother and father of two young children. He was also a keen football player."

"Jordan will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

"We ask that our privacy is now respected during what is an extremely difficult time."

Detectives are continuing to appeal to anyone with information to come forward. Information and digital footage can be submitted online via a public portal: mipp.police.uk/operation/62SWP19A99-PO1

South Wales Police can be contacted by calling 101, quoting occurrence 1900461821.

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Barry Town's rollercoaster football story

A NEW book published this week tells the story of Barry Town's 25-year roller-coaster ride in Welsh football.

Written by life-long fan and local councillor Ian Johnson, Unbelievable Barry Town recalls the success, failure and revival of the club from 1993 to 2019 and is a story of incredible success and heartbreaking failure.

"It's a remarkable story," commented author Ian Johnson. "Few clubs have risen so high – facing Dynamo Kiev and FC Porto in the Champions League – and then sunk so low – going into administration, relegated and eventually withdrawn from football altogether – before being brought back to life by loyal fans who even had to take the Football Association of Wales to court in order to play."

Barry Town manager, Gavin Chesterfield, who wrote the book's foreword commented: "This club is about its people; it's about the supporters, the volunteers; the hard working committee that spend more time on club duties than their own business and family interests. It's a club I'm proud to be a part of and one that provides me and my family with much joy."

Packed with over 100 photographs, the book is already being snapped up by Barry Town supporters and is also generating considerable interest among followers of the Welsh Premier League.

Unbelievable Barry Town is published in paperback, priced £16.99, from December 16.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(WELSH ST DONATS PUBLIC FOOTPATH Nos 24, 26 & 27)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2020

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, with the consent of Welsh Ministers and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location Footpaths (Public Rights of Way) known as Welsh St Donats Numbers 24, 26 & 27 closed throughout their lengths.

Alt. Route Local Signed diversions shall be in place.

Reason To prevent danger to pedestrians while NRW tree felling work is carried out.

Duration From 0.01am on Monday 13th January 2020 until 23.59pm on Monday 25th May 2020

Dated this 2nd day of January 2020
Director of Environment & Housing
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Marking Welsh Language Day

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council recently marked Welsh Language Rights Day with a series of events at the Civic Offices.

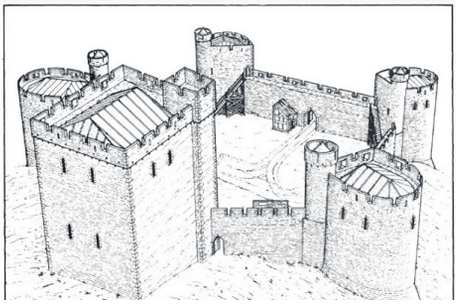
It fell last Friday and represented an opportunity for public organisations to promote the rights Welsh speakers have to use the language. A choir sang Welsh hymns and carols, while Menter Bro Morgannwg and Dysgu Cymraeg y Fro were on hand to highlight opportunities to learn Welsh that are available. This was accompanied by a social media campaign that featured a video from the Council's Welsh-speaking director Rob Thomas.

Welsh Government has set out plans to reach a million Welsh speakers by 2050 as part of their Cymraeg 2050 initiative. "An increasing number of our residents are exercising their rights and requesting services through the medium of Welsh," said Mr Thomas. "As a result, I am witnessing an increase in the amount of Welsh being spoken within our offices. This is really positive and I welcome the opportunity to speak in Welsh in and around the office on a regular basis."

U3A learn about forgotten castle

LEFT: Brian Davies

RIGHT: Morgraig Castle – The castle as it looked in days gone by.



HIDDEN away in a corner of the car park of the Travellers' Rest near Thornhill, is a gate which gives access to an enclosure and the remains of solidly-built walls, the largest being about 8 feet high and 8 feet thick.

Cowbridge U3A history group learned recently from speaker Brian Davies that these are the remains of 'Cardiff's forgotten castle', sited on the edge of a ridge overlooking the city.

Trees are growing on some of the walls, while large arboreal roots are gradually undermining others.

The remnants of the keep, some 15 feet higher than the surrounding ground, are now very badly overgrown.

Neglect and the plundering of stones for other building works have sorely affected Morgraig Castle.

The ruins are open to the public at their own risk, although Mr Davies said that, when he last visited the site, the key to the gate had been lost!

As well as the keep, there were four horseshoe-shaped towers at the corners of the irregularly-shaped fortification. On one side, the perimeter wall of the castle is along the ridge top. There are commanding views to the south over the Cardiff plain, but visibility to the north is poor.

Mr Davies noted that he paced out the size of the construction and, crudely, it occupies about twice the area of the well-known Castell Coch at Tongwynlais, so it was a not insubstantial building.

The Cardiff Naturalists' Society organised excavations at the castle in the early 20th century, which led to conclusions that it had been built in the 13th century but perhaps never completed.

A number of reconstruction drawings were made and Mr Davies now has a large papier-mâché model of the medieval castle in his possession (unfortunately the town hall stairs precluded his bringing it along).

The keep of Dolwyddelan castle in Snowdonia is probably similar in shape and size to that of the less well-preserved south Wales fortress, based on the ratio of wall thickness to height.

Morgraig Castle was built either by the Anglo-Norman lords of the de Clare family from Glamorgan or the Welsh lords of Senghennydd, but there has been fierce debate about the origins of the ruins.

Mr Davies clearly favoured the Welsh construction theory, citing the lack of evidence in the mass of Norman documentation for construction by the de Clares. The strategic position of the castle overlooking the plain, rather than protecting a route inland, also suggests a defensive fortification to oppose the Normans.

A group spokesman said: "If an Ordnance Survey map is consulted, Morgraig Castle appears to be just inside the border of Caerphilly County Borough Council, so perhaps the title of the talk should be amended to 'Caerphilly's Forgotten Castle.' "

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Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2019/01385/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Reserved matters submission for 56 dwellings at East Quay, Barry Waterfront (2009/00946/OUT)
Location:/Lleoliad:	Development parcel of East Quay, Barry Waterfront (land to West of Cory Way, South of the Graving Dock)
Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2019/01386/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Approval is sought for the layout, appearance, scale landscaping for a 3-storey apartment block, the Reserved Matters of Planning Permission ref. 2009/00946/OUT
Location:/Lleoliad:	Development land at East Quay, Barry Waterfront (to East of Cory Way)
Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2019/01408/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig:	All reserved matters including appearance, landscaping and layout of outline planning permission 2016/01427/OUT for a residential development of up to 253 units and associated works
Location:/Lleoliad:	Land off Cowbridge Road, St. Athan
Application No:/Rhif y cais:	2019/01421/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Application for the approval of reserved matters (appearance, scale, layout, access and landscaping) for the first phase of development relating to Zones A, W, Y and Z providing 33,909 sq.m. of employment floorspace (Use Class B1, B2 and B8) and associated works pursuant to outline permission 2014/00228/EAO
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Cor Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch (Maesteg male voice choir) will be holding their 45th annual concert on February 29.

Due to the closure of Maesteg town hall for the next two years for refurbishment this concert will be held at Maesteg Comprehensive school in their hall which will hold up to 450 chairs.

The guest artist will be the wonderful tenor Rhys Meirion who will be accompanied by the choir's own Laura Deenik, and as is usual will commence at 7pm with doors opening at 6.30pm and there is ample parking at the school.

Tickets are now available from any choir member

History society's talk on Celtic Christianity

Cowbridge History Society's next lecture of the season will be on Friday, January 3, at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Philip Morris's talk will be on Llanilltud Fawr: some insights into a Celtic Christian community.

Monty Python in Sully

Sully Community Cinema presents Life of Brian, Wednesday, January 8, from 7pm at the Old School (South Road, Sully CF64 5TG). Entry £4 including a free drink and a 'Look on the Bright Side of Life'! https://www.facebook.com/SullyCommunityCinema/.

Cowbridge U3A meeting

The next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Wales Air Ambulance' by Wendy McManus at 2pm on Wednesday, January 8, in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors arewelcome. There is a small fee, which includes refreshments.

See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

Get Back on Track for a New Start!

THE New Year is a good time to think about making some changes, improving your skills and qualifications, look for a new job or simply to improve your confidence and self-esteem.

The Vale Council Get Back on Track programme provides a wide variety of courses right across the Vale of Glamorgan in partnership with other organisations.

The courses are FREE to those eligible and a Free Crèche is provided at some centres.

Courses take place in Barry at both Palmerston Community Learning Centre and also at the Vale Learning Centre on the first floor of the Barry Library.

You can also learn at a whole range of venues across the Vale including Jobcentres and Libraries in Penarth and Llantwit and Community Centres in St Athan and Penarth

There are a wide range of Computer Skills workshops on offer with the chance to learn the basic ICT skills that you will need for the workplace and everyday life.

You can gain Agored, or the ECDL (Eurpoean Computer Driving License) qualifications at all levels. A new Saturday morning workshop starts in January which is ideal for anyone in part time employment who is unavailable during the week. For Jobseekers, Weekly Workclubs throughout the Vale are available to support your jobsearch and help with CVs and applications.

New courses in Health and Social care, Complementary Therapies and Childcare are an ideal stepping stone to Further Education and Training. Whether you are looking for employment or volunteering opportunities, there are a range of short courses in British Sign Language, Customer Service, First Aid and Health and Safety to give you the skills you need and enhance your CV .

A wide range of informal 'Get Back on Track' courses including Woodwork, Sugarcraft, Upcycling and Grow Your Own Vegetables, along with the Personal Development toolkit will help improve your confidence and self esteem and help you to consider your next step.

Adult Learners have said how courses have improved their confidence and health and wellbeing, and said they have made new friends, progressed to further courses and training and even helped them to gain employment.

For more information on new courses starting in your local area, pick up a course list from Vale of Glamorgan Council buildings or libraries or on line at *www.gbotfree.org* or call Palmerston centre 01446 733762

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Stars in our Schools supported by Vale council

THE Vale Council recently helped shine a light on the work carried out by school support staff.

Managing Director Rob Thomas and Deputy Leader Lis Burnett visited Pencoedtre High as part of the Stars in our Schools initiative, organised by Unison.

The scheme aims to recognise the contribution professionals such as support staff and learning assistants make up and down the country. In a school, there are numerous people assisting teachers, within the classroom and beyond, performing roles in areas such as catering, administration, finance and libraries.

Support staff play a vital role in keeping children safe at school, while they also help create a happy, healthy learning environment.

At Pencoedtre, 12-year-old Caerwyn Woods, who has autism, revealed the difference Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) have made to his life.

He said: "If I have a test, they usually read the questions and they help me with work. They can't give me the answers, but they can explain what things mean and if they weren't there, I might have just given up. If anyone makes fun of me, they tell them not to do it.

"If I'm in a class and it gets too noisy I get really mad, so sometimes I can go to the LRC (Learning Resource Centre) where it's quieter – that makes a big difference.

"One time I hid in the LRC because people were being mean to me and the LSA found me and explained why I needed to go to lessons. If I have a problem I go to Ms Olsson, Ms Greenslade or Ms O'Connor. Before, I used to get really upset but it's great to have people you can talk to."

Sarah Greenslade, part of the Learning Support team at Pencoedtre High, explained the role she and colleagues play in helping pupils:

"I've got a room at the top of the corridor and I run groups for vulnerable pupils in break time and lunch times. Anyone can come in if they want to. Once, after they left, I went back in and Caerwyn was sat under the table, hiding. He said he didn't want to go to his lesson. We found out what the issue was, took him to the lesson and got him settled.

"Previously everything was just too much. Now, he will seek someone out if he has a problem. He's more open and really engaged with his learning.

"You've got to build up a really good relationship with the children. I've have a girl in year 11 who's really struggling at the moment so I started Hot Chocolate Friday. Everybody sits around and slowly she's opening up, engaging with her friends and that's creating a better support network for her.

"If we didn't have LSAs here, we couldn't run the school. They are absolutely pivotal and the LSAs we have here are absolutely amazing.

"We've got a broad spectrum of talents; we've got LSAs that are good at sports or art; we have someone who does a good impression of Nessa (from sitcom Gavin & Stacey). It makes people laugh and pupils think, 'yes, I can approach her.'

"Without the LSAs, many of these kids would be in a special school and not able to mingle with their peers in a mainstream setting."

Gavin & Stacey is over... or is it?

Cast talk about the show's festive return

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NOW that the highly-anticipated Gavin & Stacey Christmas special has aired and left fans demanding answers after its cliff-hanger ending, the question on everyone's lips is what happens now?

Ruth Jones and James Corden, who write and star in the show, made thousands of fans' Christmases after announcing they were making a festive special nearly 10 years after the series ended.

And it was well worth the wait, with one of the show's leading actors branding the episode "the best one we have ever done".

Nearly 12 million people gathered in front of their TV screens on to find out what had happened to the Shipman and West families over the last decade.

The Billericay side of the family travelled to Barry to spend Christmas Day with Gavin, Stacey and their three kids, as well as uncle Bryn, Gwen, Jason and, of course Nessa.

But it was the show's final scenes that had viewers in hysterics and crying out for more.

Nessa, played by former Porthcawl Comprehensive student Ruth Jones, asked James Corden's character, Smithy, to marry her - and the closing credits rolled before we could find out his answer.

Will we ever find out what Smithy's answer was? Well, co-creator Ruth Jones teased that there could be another instalment of the show at some point in the future.

She told a group of journalists at the show's official press launch in London back in November that "it is not necessarily over."

Jones said that there was "room for it [the story] to move on."

She said: "Honestly, hand on heart, at the moment there is no plan. No sitting in a room mapping out another episode. But I think, obviously there is room for it to move on. All I will say is, who knows?"

Her and fellow writer James Corden - now a big hit in America - spent a week at his Los Angeles home putting pen to paper coming up with the Christmas special script.

Jones revealed: "It was a bit of a journey. There were some times during the week that we thought 'oh this isn't happening, let's not do it.'

But she admitted that she was "so proud and absolutely chuffed" with the final product.

She added: "It was just like getting a family back together. There was a great atmosphere."

Actors' thoughts on the special

All of the cast at November's press launch - apart from Ruth - watched the Christmas treat for the first time alongside journalists.

Fighting back the tears after watching the episode, Larry Lamb, who plays Gavin's dad Mick, said he was "extraordinarily overcome with emotion."

Alison Steadman, who plays Larry's on-screen wife Pam, admitted she had a "lump in my throat" watching it, with Rob Brydon, behind the character uncle Bryn, saying he was "thrilled."

Brydon added: "It's so lovely. It was just joyous and I am thrilled with what I have seen."

Mathew Horne, who plays titular character Gavin, told reporters: "I actually think that this is the best episode we have ever done. Sensational."

Remembering neighbour Doris

The cast paid tribute - both at the launch and in the episode - to the woman behind one of the show's much-loved characters, Doris who lived next door to Gwen.

Margaret John played the hilarious character throughout the show's three series, but in 2011 she died after a short battle with liver cancer.

Jones revealed her favourite episode was in series three when the clan spent the Bank Holiday on Barry Island beach because Margaret and Alison spent the whole day laughing.

She said: "Maggie was such a special woman and we wanted to pay homage to her in the best way possible. I hope Maggie is up there watching."

In the episode all of the characters raise a glass to Doris, apart from Nessa because she's annoyed Doris didn't leave her the house when she died.

Jones added: "She was such a special woman and incredibly talented actress. We wanted to raise a glass to her, but undercut it because at the end of the day Doris as a character was very rude and very upfront.

"I think Maggie would've appreciated that Nessa didn't raise a glass."

Cast have their say on the characters

TV personality Rylan Clark-Neal, who hosted the press launch, admitted he was really surprised when he met Alison Steadman because she was the complete opposite of her character Pam.

He said: "Everyone in the country knows a Pam. The weirdest thing about meeting you in real life and talking to, you and I know you're an actor, but you couldn't be anything further from Pam. It frightens me.'

Steadman explained: "It was the best fun to play Pam. I am so happy when I am her. It just feels right. I always feel happy.

"She is a lovely character to play."

Brydon, who admitted he never thought there would be another episode of Gavin & Stacey as it had ended on a high, said it was the "happiest job" he'd ever had.

Ruth said: "I absolutely adore Nessa. When I am playing her I just feel so brave. I find it liberating to play Nessa. She is a really lovely mum."

Getting everyone back together

So after several trips to Los Angeles to plan the storyline and write the script, the only thing left to do was get the cast on board.

Jones and Corden called the actors and gave them the fantastic news that Gavin & Stacey would be returning.

Although it wasn't as straightforward as that with Rob Wilfort, who plays Jason, Melanie Walters, who plays Gwen, and Joanna Page, behind Stacey, failing to pick up their calls.

Wilfort ignored the call as it was coming from America and thought it was a scam and Walters blanked the communication because she thought she was being trolled.

And Page was too busy with her children to pick up Jones' emails, texts, calls and social media messages.

Jones explained: "We had to find out if everyone was available. We had a two-and-a-half week period where everyone could commit. That felt like a good luck omen that everyone was available."

She joked with her on-screen chums at the press launch: "Thank goodness you all said yes because I don't know what we would've done. We had already written the script."

Ex-Eastenders star Larry Lamb said: "My first thought was after having hung on to it for so many years, are they going to be able to carry it off? Because it can go so easily wrong in the same way you can hope it goes so wonderfully right."

Horne added: "My initial reaction was relief because I just thought thank God James has got some work. I had been so worried about him.

"And then the nerves kicked in, I was very anxious."

Viewers very nearly finally found out what happened on uncle Bryn and Jason's fishing trip with Brydon admitting that he has "never been told" what actually occurred on the outing.

But with another on-screen reunion not being ruled out, we may just find out what happened after all.

By Sam Hall

MEET YOUR ASSEMBLY MEMBER

Assembly member Jane Hutt talks NHS, charities and climate change in her monthly column for The GEM

HAPPY New Year with good prospects for our NHS and schools.

The festive season was full of concerts and events I attended which brought the Christmas message and spirit to many while raising funds for charities like RNLI, Tenovus, Barnardo's and the Trussell Trust.

During these events we heard about the great work being carried out by charities locally and nationally with a powerful reminder that many would be struggling at Christmas with Vale food banks operating from six centres across the county to meet this need. Food was donated by schools, churches, individuals and groups in the community.

We also heard from Susan Lloyd-Selby of the Trussell Trust at the Barry Male Voice Choir concert about the Big Wrap providing presents for children in need in our communities. This included the children of Syrian refugee families living in Barry and the Vale who enjoyed my annual Christmas party at the Memo with volunteers from across the Vale and the Mayor of Barry Town Council Margaret Wilkinson.

In the lead up to Christmas on December 16 the Welsh Government published its draft budget with a promise to prioritise the NHS and provide new investment to protect the future of our planet.

We are allocating an extra £421m in health and social care in 2020-21 bringing our total investment to £8.7bn.

On top of this we are increasing the specific grant for social care by £10m and uplifting funding for schools. Taken together this means the additional funding for local government including schools and social care totals over £220m in 2020-21.

Protecting the environment and responding to the Climate Change Emergency has been at the forefront of this budget. As well as protecting our funding for renewable energy, zero carbon technologies and access to nature the budget also includes a new £140m capital allocation to contribute to peatland restoration, an electric bus fleet, support for low emission refuse vehicles and a National Forest for Wales.

Our health service, social care, education and the environment are all top priorities for the people of Wales and I am proud of the local action and campaigns which highlight these issues.

Visiting the Sam Davies Ward at Barry Hospital gave me the opportunity to share the letter from the Community Health Council following the open meeting they held in the Vale on December 10.

The message to the Health Board was clear – the strength of public feeling for keeping the beds in the Sam Davies is based on the evidence of the excellent care provided by the staff especially at a time of winter pressures with flu and viruses taking their toll and I will be engaging every step of the way in any future consultations to make sure that message is heard.

Thank you to Barry Action for Nature and Plant Llantwit for planting trees and caring for the environment.

Thank you also to the campaign to save the Master Mariner pub in Gibbonsdown led by Abi Germon and local councillors. I was glad to play my part in chairing a meeting with all partners around the table when the pub was threatened with closure. Vale People First also played a part in this campaign. Finally, the 'go ahead' by the Vale Planning Committee for the new Castle Hotel community pub with investment in social housing across the town will help meet housing need in the community.

Many important things to take forward in 2020 with your support.

Christmas stories at Ysgol Dewi Sant

THE Christmas story was brought to life once again by pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant in Llantwit Major.

There was a twist this year as the play also featured characters from a popular story book "Rala Rwdins" who needed the help of the children at Ysgol Dewi Sant to understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Pupils from nursery to year 2-all played their part, with over 100 children involved during the three performances.

As always they all performed exceptionally, learning their lines and singing with gusto!

HJ

Prolific burglars sent to prison for more than 35 years after 80 crimes

ABOVE: William Joyce
BELOW: Patrick Joyce.

SEVEN people who have been convicted of being involved in more than 80 burglaries across South Wales – including in and around Bridgend – have been sentenced to more than 35 years in prison.

They were arrested as part of Operation Timmia, which was set up to target an increase in burglaries and car thefts.

Supt Cath Larkman said: "These burglaries had a significant impact on their victims many of whom were vulnerable. These burglars smashed their way into people's homes not caring if the occupants were home or not.

"No stone would be left unturned in investigating these offences and bringing the offenders to justice.

"We set up a dedicated operation team called Operation Timmia who relentlessly investigated these offences.

"While we recognise nothing can undo that these burglaries have taken place and the significant impact on these victims, we do hope the actions we took and today's sentences do provide some comfort to them that justice has been done."

The individual sentenced were:

* Kieran Joyce, 28, of Leicester, jailed for 10 years for conspiracy to commit burglary with intent to steal.

* William Joyce, 24, sent to prison for eight years for conspiracy to commit burglary with intent to steal.

* Patrick Joyce, 21, eight years behind bars for conspiracy to commit burglary with intent to steal.

* Daniel Joyce, 36, of Swansea Vale, jailed for six years for conspiracy to commit burglary with intent to steal.

* A 17 -year-old youth, who cannot be named for legal reasons, four years for conspiracy to commit burglary with intent to steal.

* Mary Connors, 23, of Cardiff, punished with 200 hours of community service for handling stolen goods.

*Christine Joyce, 59, of Swansea Vale, was also ordered to carry out 200 hours of community service for handling stolen goods.

ABOVE: Daniel Joyce.
BELOW: Kieran Joyce.

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For more information on Zeeta, please visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or give us call on 01656 725219. You can also visit our website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

New laws are needed to control fireworks, cllrs say

A LICENSING committee run by Bridgend, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan councils has said current laws do not offer people and animals enough protection from the frequent disturbance of fireworks.

The Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) joint committee says there are growing numbers of displays at celebratory events such as birthdays and weddings, as well as the numerous public and domestic displays on traditional and religious dates.

It wants local authorities to be empowered to limit the number of displays in their areas.

Speaking at a full Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) meeting on Wednesday, December 18, council leader Huw David said: "Several members have been in contact with cabinet members about the misuse of fireworks following emails from local residents.

"Our Shared Regulatory Service joint committee recently met and this was considered by members including our representatives Cllr Dhanisha Patel and Cllr David Lewis.

"A request will be made of UK Government to work with local authorities to identify a best practice approach to a revenue-neutral, mandatory permit system for fireworks displays, where local evidence is this is necessary to protect the community.

"The government, we hope, will work with a local authority to pilot the approach before the end of 2020, with a view to legislating to empower all local authorities to establish mandatory permit schemes where they deem it necessary."

Elizabeth Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

New £34m school building gets green light

LEFT: An artist's impression of the new school.

A £34.7million new build for Pencoedtre High School has been granted planning permission.

The project is part of the Vale Council and Welsh Government 21st Century Schools investment programme which will also deliver a new building for Whitmore High School and an expansion for Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, among other projects in the Vale.

Work is scheduled to start on site in spring 2020 and will include a three-storey modern school building, performance spaces and sporting facilities, including a four-court sports hall, all-weather hockey floodlit pitch, four games courts and grassed football and rugby pitches and.

Bouygues Construction UK have been appointed to build the new school on the existing site. The project timetable will see staff and pupils move in to the new building in October 2021 with the project completed in July 2022.

Trevor Baker, the Vale Council head of strategy, community learning and resources, said: "I'm delighted to see this project progressing to the next stage. This programme of work will see over £30m invested in developing a bespoke, new school building fit for 21st century learning which will benefit pupils, staff and the wider community."

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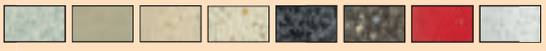

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Warning to farmers over illegal dumping of waste

FARMERS and land owners are being urged to be aware of requests to store baled waste on their land by Natural Resources Wales.

It follows a string of recent incidents where farmers across Wales have accepted waste for temporary storage.

The waste, which can be highly combustable, not only causes harm to the natural environment but can also affect people's livelihoods as land owners will be responsible for any costs or enforcement action taken by Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

Mark Oughton from NRW's Tackling Waste Crime team, said: "This is a growing problem across Wales driven by criminal gangs.

"Individuals acting alone, or operating under a company name, are offering land owners money to store large quantities of controlled waste, claiming it is a temporary measure before the waste is treated on site or sent for recycling.

"The majority of the incidents to date show the waste is not suitable for treatment."

The bales typically contain mixed partially shredded waste textiles including plastics and biodegradable materials.

Landowners should be aware that the storage of baled waste is tightly regulated, and they need an environmental permit to do so legally.

This is to make sure the material is managed and stored correctly to avoid pollution and fire risk.

Mr Oughton added: "We want to warn farmers and land owners that this illegal activity is on the rise to protect their interests and the environment.

"While it might seem tempting proposition to make some extra cash on land you are not using, you could find yourself facing enforcement action or significant clean-up costs if the waste is abandoned by the criminals.

"Anyone approached to store controlled waste or any other material on their land should report it immediately so we can investigate further."

If any land owner is asked to store waste on their land, they can report it to NRW on 0300 065 3000.

Ford donates engine to sea cadet group

Midshipman Biundo is pictured unpacking the newly-delivered engine with the unit's ME specialisation cadets.

THE Marine Engineering (ME) department of Penarth Sea Cadet Unit (TS Glamorgan) was given an early Christmas present: not by Santa, but by Ford Motor Co's Dagenham engine plant, which donated a new diesel engine to the unit.

After hearing of the unit's desire to improve the cadets' ME training within the three progression levels of the specialisation, with a greater level of hands-on experience, Mr Andy Price of the unit's management committee approached Ford to see if they could assist: and the company's response was to generously donate a fully-assembled engine, mounted on a carriage to enable ease of access to every part.

The unit's commanding officer, Midshipman Joshua Biundo (SCC) RNR, thanked Ford for their generosity and Mr Price for his endeavours in securing such a valuable asset.

He said: "This unexpected and extremely generous donation will improve the level of training within the ME specialisation immeasurably. It will allow my team of instructors to give the cadets the highest level of hands-on experience, thus enabling many more of them to gain this valuable qualification.

"If you or your child are interested in joining Penarth Sea Cadets, the unit is located in Stanwell Crescent and parades are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30pm until 9pm (the unit is closed until January 7)."

Night rescue for RNLI near Rest Bay

VOLUNTEER RNLI crews from Porthcawl and Port Talbot launched the charity's lifeboats on service early on Wednesday morning to search for a fishing boat in the dark which had run into difficulty between Port Talbot and Ogmore By Sea.

Porthcawl's RNLI's volunteer crew were paged at 5.01am and joined the crew from Port Talbot RNLI and the Coastguard Teams from Porthcawl and Port Talbot in the search for a fishing boat and its crew.

A seven-metre fishing boat with two people and a dog on board had experienced engine difficulties and been swept ashore somewhere between Port Talbot and Ogmore-by-Sea.

The boat had no working VHF radio communications and the people onboard were cold and disoriented.

Carl Evans, helm of Porthcawl's RNLI's Atlantic 85 lifeboat said: "We were tasked by UK Coastguard to meet Port Talbot's D Class lifeboat off Rest Bay. As we arrived at Rest Bay the crew of the Port Talbot lifeboat spotted a flashing light on the shore in the cove area of Rest Bay near to Hutchwns Point.

"Further investigations, including illumination of the area using a white para flare, established the fishing vessel and the casualties were on the shore at this location."

Port Talbot's crew went ashore and provided care with the assistance of Porthcawl's D Class crew. The casualties were suffering from the effects of the cold and were assisted onto Locks Common and transferred to the care of the Coastguard teams,

With the incoming tide, the vessel was at risk of being smashed onto rocks so the Porthcawl crew towed it out from the beach and clear of the surf line.

Once in deeper water, the tow was transferred to Porthcawl's Atlantic 85 lifeboat which towed the vessel towards Porthcawl Marina. Porthcawl lifeboat stood off until 7.30am when it was possible to gain entry to the marina.

A casualty is helped to shore near Rest Bay. Photo by RNLI/Phil Missen.

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BRIDGEND county borough's next generation of athletes can apply for support next year with the Halo Sport Foundation, part of the UK's largest independent athlete support programme.

The Halo Sport Foundation was launched several years ago by the social enterprise, Halo Leisure – the operator of public leisure facilities in Bridgend county borough.

It is also supported by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and athletes can benefit from financial support, memberships at Halo's sport and leisure facilities and more.

Simon Gwynne, Halo partnership manager, said: "As a not for profit organisation and registered charity whose primary aim is to provide the local community with active leisure facilities, we are delighted to be able to offer support through the Sport Foundation for another year.

"We see it as an opportunity to put something back into the community that has supported us so well."

The Sport Foundation is currently supporting 146 local sports people (able bodied and disabled) across a variety of sports. They use Halo's gyms, group exercise classes, pools, racket sports courts and indoor and outdoor sports pitches to keep fit and prepare for their next event.

Rising local sporting stars have until February 20 to apply for a share of the Sport Foundation support. Application forms and supporting information can be found at www.halosportfoundation.org.uk

Funeral service's appeal spreads Christmas good cheer

AS part of their continued support to the community, Lyndsay Ellis at The Vale Funeral Service wishes to thank everyone who has donated again this year to their Christmas Selection Box Apppeal.

More than 200 selection boxes were donated to support Vale Foodbank.

Principal Lyndsay Ellis and assistant Matthew Morrissey said: "Every year, the community never lets us down and we hope that the many selection boxes will bring happiness to those who receive them.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this festive time, especially those who have lost and are reflecting on a loved one."

Pictured right is Assistant Matthew Morrissey Of Vale Funeral Service and Pastor Mike Holmes of Vale Foodbank.

Lollipop man receives gift for all his hard work

THE guest of honour at the December meeting of the Dinas Powys Community Council was Dave Letts.

A spokesman explained: "Many will know that Dave ensured that pupils safely crossed roads near local schools. "He retired after 15 years of faithful service to the community."

Community Council Chairman John Fanshaw presented Dave with a bottle of his favourite whiskey, as a small token of appreciation.

Still no answers on future of nature reserve

VISITORS and residents living near a national nature reserve renowned for its sand dune habitat and rare species are now fearing the worst because there is no update from the landowners as to their plans for its future.

The Kenfig National Nature Reserve, which comprises 1,300 acres of managed coastal sand dunes and wetlands between Porthcawl and Port Talbot, is regarded as one of the finest examples of a sand dune habitat in Europe.

But on December 31, Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) lease expired for the reserve.

The local authority cleared its items from the reserve centre with a final clean of the building which took place on December 20.

It is unclear what is happening to the reserve warden who has 20 years of experience.

And the owners, the Kenfig Corporation Trust, are failing to respond to requests for information.

Natural Resources Wales says it is in discussions to take on the long-term lease but nothing has been signed and while the organisation says it will "work closely" with the trust to manage the site's "conservation interests", people fear the reserve could be left vulnerable to vandalism and its unique status lost.

It comes after reports in recent days of fence lines being cut at the reserve and padlocks damaged, with permanent glue being put into keyholes.

Heather Protheroe, who lives near the reserve and set up a petition and a Facebook group to highlight the uncertain situation during the summer said: "We are exceedingly worried about the reserve.

"Fears are growing that the reserve will just be neglected, rubbish will build up, the centre could become subject to vandalism and wildlife conservation will be minimal.

"With the centre shut, there are now no facilities for the visiting public to use either.

"We are extremely disappointed that the reserve could lose its last remaining warden, Dave Carrington, who dedicated over 20 years of his life to the area, his expertise will be sorely missed.

"We are beyond exasperated with the trust, who continue to remain silent and indifferent to the community's voice."

She said she had written to the trust to request a meeting on behalf of the group to discuss how the local community might be able to help volunteer at the reserve, keeping the bins emptied and, in the long term, open the building as an information centre.

She said: "I had a response from them a couple of days later stating that 'present negotiations are moving very quickly' and they hoped to be in touch with me again the following week.

"That was two weeks ago and yet again, no communication."

Steve Parker, who has volunteered at the nature reserve since 2014, wrote to the trust to offer his help in cleaning the car park areas of litter until a new tenant was secured, something he regularly does now.

He said: "I am fully aware that within a short period of time following the departure of BCBC, litter will gather and bins will fill with no known plans to tackle that issue.

"I initially received no reply to my letter and on chasing it up I received an email saying they would get back to me.

ABOVE: Kenfig Nature Reserve. Photograph by Paul Parsons.

"I have waited but to date there has been nothing further from them.

"Clearly time has gone on and despite promises from the trustees that matters are in hand no news as to the future has been forthcoming."

John Hogg, head of operations for South Wales central at NRW, said: "We're continuing to discuss the legal, financial and day to day operational detail of taking on a long term lease at the Kenfig National Nature Reserve in order to secure the long term future of the site.

"Following the ending of the current lease, we understand the site reverts to the Kenfig Corporation Trust and so all questions on what happens to the site from January 1 should be directed to them.

"We will of course continue to work closely with them to protect the conservation interests at the site."

BCBC says it is awaiting a timetable for the handover, adding it is in regular contact with NRW to discuss issues related to the ongoing running and management of the site.

BCBC has previously said it first began the process of trying to appoint a successor 10 years ago but after several years of not making any progress with the landowner, it stopped.

It says it cannot afford to continue to run the reserve and hoped a more specialised organisation would take over on a more commercial basis and make it pay for itself in a sustainable way.

NRW has advised people to report anything suspicious they witness at the reserve by calling NRW on 03000 65 3000, and call the police on 111.

The Kenfig Corporation Trust were approached for comment.

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Awards dished out to dedicated cat-loving volunteers

CAT-LOVING volunteers have received awards from the mayor of Bridgend to recognise their dedication to a local charity.

Mayor Stuart Baldwin handed out certificates and statues to volunteers from Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre at a thank-you event.

Cllr Baldwin presented awards to over 20 volunteers. Each received a certificate and gift, with further awards being presented to those volunteers who have reached a milestone of one, five or 10 years.

There were also three volunteers who have collectively dedicated over 75 years to the charity.

Lisa Wilkins, who has been a cat care volunteer for 15 years, received a bronze cat duo while Jane and Trevor Graham, who have supported the Bridgend adoption centre since it opened in 1994, received a life-size black statue.

As part of the fundraising team Jane and Trevor attend events in and around Bridgend, raising funds and awareness of the charity's cat care work.

Jane said: "Our greatest enjoyment is raising money to help the cats. It can be hard work at times, but the friendship of the other volunteers and staff make it fun."

Mayor of Bridgend, Borough Councillor Stuart Baldwin with Jane, Trevor and Gareth Graham

Volunteering clearly runs in the family with Jane's mother Audrey also being involved for many years and their son Gareth later joining the team, helping with the cake stall and other fundraising events.

The event was arranged by volunteer team leader Karen Winfield, whose role is supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery who have raised £500 million for charities and good causes to-date.

"It was wonderful to celebrate the huge contribution that our volunteers provide to the centre," said Karen.

"No matter whether someone has been volunteering with us for years or has joined the team more recently, we couldn't be more grateful for their support. Their dedication never fails to amaze me and it makes a huge difference to lives of so many cats in need."

Anyone interested in volunteering for Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre should email Karen at Bridgend.Volunteering@Cats.org.uk

Authority to cut back on council tax rise after 'good news' settlement

COUNCIL tax in Bridgend county borough is now expected to be less than first forecast due to the local authority having received a higher settlement from Welsh Government.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) had been looking at increasing council tax by 6.5 per cent with proposed cuts to services involving CCTV, pest control, adult learning, homelessness, and recycling centres.

But council leader Huw David told cabinet members at a meeting on Tuesday, December 17, that the local authority was now looking at a smaller increase in council tax due to the settlement.

He said: "We've had some good news – we are going to have the biggest increase we have had in almost 12 years in our grant and I'm very grateful to Welsh Government, the new minister for local government, and the new finance minister for listening to local government and the case we made about the pressures we are facing in schools and social services in particular but across all services.

"They listened and they've acted.

"But we need to remember we've had 11 years of austerity – that will not change overnight with one good settlement.

"We will still have to make difficult decisions about our budget next year.

"The increase, however, will reduce the number of difficult decisions we have to make – obviously there's a lot of working to do in terms of forecasting and number crunching.

"I have been critical of Welsh Government in the past – I can be complimentary about them today because they have given us the increase we have asked for."

BCBC will receive an increase of 4.7% on last year's budget.

The cabinet member for communities, Cllr Richard Young, said he hoped some of the unpalatable decisions the council thought it would have to make would no longer have to be taken but added that the increased settlement would not reverse the effects of austerity.

He said: "I don't want people to run away with the idea that because we have one settlement the effects of austerity are going to be reversed.

"It's meant we have had to divest ourselves of certain facilities we have provided in the past – that's not going to be reversed."

Cllr David said the council would use the money to help meet budget pressures covering additional costs in education, social services, teachers' pay and pensions.

He said: "In 2019-20 it will cost BCBC almost £270.8m to provide a full range of public services for 142,000 residents.

"This increase to our core grant funding is most welcome and we will now be reviewing our original financial plans for 2020-21 to ensure that the money can be used as effectively and as efficiently as possible."

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Young entrepreneur designed for fashion label success

A 21-year-old fashion graduate from Bridgend, who displayed her collection at London Fashion Week, has launched a clothing label aiming to make runway fashion accessible.

Laura-Shannon Harding has spent the last few months showing her clothing collection at fashion shows across the country and is now launching her own fashion label, Laura-Shannon.

She started the business with support from Big Ideas Wales, the youth entrepreneurship service in Wales.

Laura's collection is inspired by festival fashion using playful and colourful prints, embellishments and textures.

She said: "Festivals are a place where people can be free with what they wear, and I wanted to create a collection showing how far the boundaries can be pushed within festival culture; showing how free and accepting the atmosphere is."

After a busy few months, Laura has launched an online store commercialising her runway collection where she will sell clothing, acrylic jewellery and accessories.

She started her business with the help of Big Ideas Wales, part of Business Wales and funded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Welsh Government.

The service is aimed at anyone between the age of five and 25 who wants to develop a business idea, including students and graduates.

Laura said: "I created the collection as part of my final Leeds Arts University project and was selected to show the collection at Grad Fashion week. From this, the collection gained lots of attention, and I was invited to attend other fashion shows, including London at Fashion's Finest Closing Soiree and Doncaster."

Laura continued: "Attending fashion shows was amazing and made me more determined to keep creating collections for each season that are bold and avant-garde. Now, I'm commercialising the collections for my shop, Laura-Shannon, for people to buy and wear.

"In university you have all the facilities and tools you need. Now I've graduated, I have a domestic sewing machine, but to create the high-quality clothing I want to make, I need to get all the industrial machinery and that has been a challenge as they are so expensive."

Talking about Big Ideas Wales, Laura said: "I didn't think I would have much support starting my business, so when my mum mentioned the service to me I was completely amazed. After contacting them, I was put in touch with a business advisor, Miranda Thomas, who helped me develop a business plan, apply for funding for machinery and gave me a lot of help and advice.

"I think you need support when you are starting your own business, especially at a young age. There's so much I have yet to learn, making it invaluable support to have."

Miranda Thomas, Big Ideas Wales business advisor, said: "Laura is a very talented person who has already gained accolades in the fashion world. I cannot wait to see where the business goes as it is clear she has a bright future ahead."

In the future, Laura hopes to run pop-up Laura-Shannon shops in festivals around the world, allowing her to travel while developing the business.

She said: "I have been fortunate through attending different fashion shows to meet designers and have discussed the possibility of collaborations. Being able to work creatively with others in the fashion world would be such a dream, so I hope this will become a reality one day."

Economy Minister, Ken Skates said: "It's fantastic to see Laura turn her idea into a business with the support of Big Ideas Wales. In a short time, Laura has already accomplished so much, and with such determination and ongoing help from her advisor, it's clear she has a very exciting future ahead.

"The Welsh Government is absolutely committed to supporting entrepreneurs throughout Wales and this is another great example of the important steps we are taking to help them thrive."

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Top of the Lollipops! Crossing patrol winners revealed

ABOVE: Ruth Grant with deputy council leader Lis Burnett.

ABOVE: Nicholas Latham with Cllr Burnett.

A NUMBER of Vale of Glamorgan Council school crossing patrol officers were recognised at the Vale Road Safety Awards, held at The Dock Office in Barry.

The annual awards presentation, organised by the Vale Council's Road Safety Team as part of the Highway Development & Traffic group, recognises and rewards the contribution provided by those working on schools crossing patrols throughout the county.

The top award for School's Crossing Patrol of the Year was given to Nicholas Latham, a popular member of the St Helen's School community.

Mr Latham helps youngsters cross the busy stretch of road on Tynewydd Hill.

Other award winners included Ruth Grant, who won the prize for Barry, Julie Ellis, winner of the Llantwit Major and Rural Vale area award, and David Regan, who was the winner for Penarth, Sully and Dinas Powys.

Four long-serving officers who had retired or moved on during the year were thanked for their collective 63 years of service.

A special thank you was extended to the co-ordinators and volunteers of the Kerbcraft Child Pedestrian Training Scheme.

This year, 600 year two pupils have learnt to cross the road safely thanks to the initiative.

Vale of Glamorgan Council Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, Cllr Lis Burnett, thanked those in attendance.

She said: "The School Crossing Patrol Service and Kerbcraft Schemes were established in recognition of the need to keep children safe while out and about, on and near our busy roads. The success of any scheme relies upon the commitment and dedication of the individuals involved.

"Everyone here has played their part in contributing to road safety over the past year in the Vale."

President elect for Royal Welsh Show revealed

ON December 6 at the Royal Welsh Showground at Builth Wells, the RWAS Glamorgan advisory committee attended the annual council meeting where Mr Johnny Homfray FRAgS was proposed and presented in his official capacity as president elect for the Royal Welsh Show 2020.

Mr Homfray, of Penllyn Estate in Cowbridge, runs a mixed farming business; he has continually looked to diversify within agriculture and grasps the opportunity for new ideas and innovation. He has been CLA Wales chairman, a Bridgend Samaritans committee member, chair of HMP Parc Prison Monitoring Board Committee, Glamorgan Farmers' Club chair, CLA main board member and is currently a Governor of Cowbridge School and chair of their trust.

This will stand the committee in great stead for their future term as Feature County.

During the meeting Mr Jacob Anthony of Cwm Risca Farm, Bridgend was officially presented as designate ambassador elect for RWAS 2020. A fifth generation on his farm of sheep and beef comprising 1,000 breeding ewes and 300 head of cattle, he is currently a columnist for the Farmers Weekly, having been Farmers Weekly Young Farmer of the Year in 2018. Jacob is the previous Young Ambassador for the National Sheep Association and active member in his local YFC.

Mr William Hanks of Llantwit Major was re-elected as show director for the RWAS Winter Fair.

A spokesman said: "We look forward as we head into our feature year. There are lots of fun events organised to date, with more being added all the time."

Latest news from Fon-Mon Apiary

THE move to the new apiary site has been now completed.

Thanks to the days when wind, rain and low temperatures came to the fore these ideal conditions for moving were seized upon.

With the help of my former work colleagues Simon Graves and Alun Taylor all went very smoothly.

Along with the beehives items such as paving slabs (solid bases for the hives) spare stands and my work table were also moved.

This transfer of bees and associated apiary equipment was accomplished over a three week period.

In total six colonies were moved, but to start with I laid and levelled paving slabs and added stands in readiness for the first two colonies.

Why only two and not the whole lot in one go?

Well because the new site is very close to the old site and if mild weather had kicked in and the bees took the decision to venture out, the colonies that experienced the move would have picked up on familiar landmarks while they were out and about and followed these back to the location of their old home only to find nothing there; and the possibility of them using any of the hives on the original site is not a likely option and dead bees would be the end result.

Therefore the onus is on the beekeeper to get it right!

Fortunately the weather has been very obliging (for moving, that is) and now with all the colonies moved no bees are being observed at the old site even though there have been days when flying was very likely to be undertaken.

This is a huge relief but now of course winter is starting to bite and although each colony has a sufficiency of stores that should last them until next spring this in no way guarantees their survival until then.

During the winter months external checks will be the order of the day; should snow become part of the scene the hive entrances must be kept clear.

Opening hives in the winter months is not to be recommended!

With sufficient stores and weather-proof homes the bees are more than capable of handling things.

Very often the beekeeper is the biggest pest the bees have to handle.

Will I have six colonies bursting into life come spring?

Wish me well dear reader.

Harold Williams.

January's Sky Notes with Dave Powell

THE Milky Way arm of our Galaxy rises from the South-Eastern Horizon, reaching almost overhead before arcing down in the direction of the North-Western Horizon.

Overhead the bright constellation Perseus is worth locating. Its brightest star is Mirfak. This star belongs to a large open cluster as will be evident when you view through a pair of Binoculars. The group appears to be young, approx 55-65 million years old, and the cluster lies around 600 light years away (light travels 186.000 miles a second.) Mirfak is the brightest member and is thought to be at least 5.000 times as luminous as our Sun and have a diameter approx 45 times our Sun. I think this area of sky is impressive but, we must now gaze to the South-Eastern Horizon in order to locate this month's stand-out constellation, Orion. First look just above the roof-tops and one star will be noticeable. It is possible you may think it is flashing different colours, although this phenomenon is caused by starlight penetrating our polluted atmosphere. Sirius, the brightest star in the northern hemisphere will be easy to locate. It is the brightest star in a constellation known as Canis Major. It appears bright because it is relatively close to us being just 8 light years away. Compare this figure with Mirfak.

Above this constellation is mighty Orion. This constellation looks something like what it is supposed to look like, a hunter. The main outline stars are all bright and visible to the naked eye. Look for three stars in a line, this represents the hunter's belt, now look above and locate two bright stars, the left star is decidedly Orange. This represents his shoulders. Below the belt will be two stars, the one on the right will be brighter than the one on the left. This represents his feet. Being a hunter, naturally his belt holds a sword, it is visible without optical aid, although Binoculars will give a better view. Just cast your gaze a little way below the three belt stars and you should have little trouble finding the Orion Nebula, a stellar birthplace.

I said Sirius is the brightest star in the sky but during the month watch the South-Western sk. Low down to begin with just above the rooftops will be something even brighter. The planet Venus, puts on a good show for us this winter.

If you can stand the cold, then in the early hours of the 4th the Quadrantid Meteor shower is due. Locate Ursa Major, above the North-Eastern Horizon, and turn your back to this constellation, sit down in a deck chair, wrap up warm, and just watch the "shooting-stars".

Do keep an eye on our website http://www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com for details of our meetings, and if I can be of help please do contact me.

Out & About with The GEM

Misty walk around Cardiff Bay for ramblers

AS part of the Festival of Winter Walks a group of 16 Penarth and District Ramblers and Biddy the dog joined Ann at Penarth Leisure Centre to enjoy the annual post-Christmas stroll around Cardiff Bay.

At Pont y Werin, or the People's Bridge, they looked at the metallic see-through sculptures on both sides of the bridge featuring among others Dame Tanni Grey Thompson, Nicole Cooke and Jason Stone.

Following Watkiss Way past the white water rapids and a very slippery section of boardwalk to pass tall apartment blocks, they circumnavigated Cardiff Bay where the Clarence Road Bridge brought them safely across the River Taff.

Making their way to the old Hamadryad Hospital they had a quick peep at the mural in its porch depicting the old *Hamadryad*, a naval vessel that was used as a hospital ship in order to prevent infectious diseases such as typhoid and cholera brought in by seamen spreading through Cardiff.

When the vessel deteriorated, a permanent hospital was built which opened on June 29, 1905, and it continued as a working hospital until 2002.

Passing below the A4232 again and making their way through the wetlands developed to compensate for the loss of the mud flats when the bay was created, more slippery boardwalk brought them to Mount Stewart Square.

The group split up for morning break before re-grouping on the steps of the glass fronted Senedd, next to the stunning red terracotta Pierhead Building.

Then on past the five timber structures in the Bay that were connected by walkways where ships were moored for repair, the white painted Norwegian Church and the Scott Memorial and along Porth Teigr onto the open pathway towards the white sails.

Gazing across the Bay to the mist-covered St David's Hotel and a number of sail boats moving slowly as there was no breeze, they tramped across the Cardiff Barrage towards the stately old Custom House. They crossed the lock gates with boats all safely moored in the Penarth Marina and back along John Batchelor Way to Marconi Avenue and on past the Oyster Catcher for the short climb to Cogan Station and a return to their start.

On January 7, the Shortish Strides walk will leave Llantwit Major Railway Station car park at 10am for a five-mile moderate walk taking in fields, coastal path and Tresilian Bay and cave; call Joy on 01446 737131.

On January 8, the 10-mile easy annual tramp for lunch halfway round at the Blue Anchor in East Aberthaw will leave the Viaduct car park, Porthkerry Country Park at 9.30am; call William on 07528 701 952.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the leader for advice. For up to date information log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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What's on and where?

Penarth Aviation Society

ON Friday, January 3 the Penarth Aviation Society will meet in the Penarth Conservative Club at 8pm.

We welcome local historian Alan Thorne back as guest speaker: last time Alan spoke to us on the history of airfields in the Penarth and Cardiff area. This time he is casting his net over all of south Wales to tell us about the airfields in the area and the part they played in both World Wars.

Why not join the Society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend, for a small donation, to sample our hospitality.

Further information may be found on www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk, www.facebook.com/penarthaviation-society.co.uk and from our secretary Martin Parry (029)21 254776.

Ystradowen Community Cinema

THIS month's showing will be The Current War - the dramatic race to light up America and power the world.

Screened at the village hall, Ystradowen at 7.30pm on Wednesday, January 8. Tickets from Tudor Garage, Ystradowen.

The Big Volunteering Fair 2020

ON Thursday, January 23 Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) will host the Big Volunteering Fair for charities and community groups to showcase their activities and recruit volunteers.

The Fair is from 10am – 2pm at Memo Arts Centre, Barry CF62 8NA and is an opportunity for organisations to talk to people of all ages who express an interest in volunteering.

Bookings on a first come, first served basis and places are now filling up. To book a place, complete a form at www.gvs.wales/news/2019/10/big-volfayre20 or contact GVS on: 01446 741706, volunteering@gvs.wales.

Toy and train sale returns to Penarth

THE Cardiff Toy and Train Sale arrives at Penarth Leisure Centre at Cogan, between 10.30am and 3pm on Saturday, January 4 and collectors can rest assured that a further three dates at this venue are also booked for later in the year.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Our venue at Cogan is ideal, being large, easily accessed from all areas and most importantly, has Cogan Railway Station virtually next door.

"We now offer in excess of 130 tables, and these are operated by more than 50 traders from all over the UK.

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WINSTONE
Philip

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on Monday, 16th December. Beloved husband to the late Margaret, loving father to Mark, Paul and Sian. Much loved grandfather and brother of Jeff Winstone.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 8th January, service and cremation 1pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

LIGGINS
Joshua Bradley

It is with a broken heart the family announce the passing of Joshua. Much loved son, brother and grandson.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Service to celebrate Joshua's life on Friday, 17th January 2020 at 2.30pm at St Illtuds Church, Llantwit Major, followed by interment in Llantwit Major Cemetery.

Family flowers only, donations in Joshua's memory to Wish Upon A Star c/o the funeral director. Please wear colourful clothing.

SCOTT
Jade Louise

The family wish to announce the sad sudden passing of Jade, aged 28 years and cherished mum of Logan and Braydon. An adored daughter of Rob and Julie, loving sister to Eathan. Much loved grandaughter of Rita, Chris and Angela. Special niece to Uncle Les, Aunty Lisa, Aunty Rhion and Uncle Mark.

Jade will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service on Thursday, 9th January at 10.45am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home.

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

JONES
Nesta

Peacefully at Bella Vista Nursing Home on 15th December – Nesta, formerly of Southey Street and Lower Buttrils Road sadly passed away. Dearly beloved wife of the late Ray, loving mother of Alan, Barbara and Susan. Dearly loved mother-in-law and grandmother to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She will be sorely missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting at Lyndsay Ellis Funeral Directors, 181 Court Road, Barry until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 8th January at 11am.

Family flowers only.

WILLIAMS
Alice Mary
(*née Treharne*)

Peacefully on Thursday, 12th December 2019 at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend with family by her side. Devoted wife of the late Glyn. Much loved Mum of Christine and Michael. Loved mother-in-law of Ken and Lynne. Loving and proud nan of Jon and Kate & Tom and great-nan of Arthur.

Funeral service on Friday, 3rd January 2020 in Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm. Family flowers only by request.

All enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend. Tel 01656 653156.

CLISSETT
Frederick Bernard (Fred)

Passed away peacefully on 13th December 2019, aged 93 years. Cherished and adored husband to Margaret. Loving dad to Wayne and daughter-in-law Sian. Adored granddad Fred to Ben and Sophie and great-granddad to Isabelle.

Fred will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Tuesday, 7th January at 2pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Fred, may be made to RNIB at the service.

WARD
Betty

On 7th December 2019, Betty, formerly of Pontypridd Road, Barry, widow of the late Harold, Baker and Confectioner of Park Crescent, passed away, peacefully, at the age of 91 years.

A funeral was held over the Christmas period with her loving family in attendance. Sincere thanks to the Care in the Vale Agency, who supported her when she lived at her daughter's house and to Springbanks Nursing Home,where she resided during the last two years of her life.

NORMAN
Robert D. (Bob)

Suddenly on 24th of December at The University Hospital of Wales. Bob well known for his time at Cardiff Bus and lifelong member of Market Street Club, Barry. Devoted husband of Angel'a', loving dad of Mark, Bobby, Steven, James and Lisa. Cherished bampy to all his grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Bob will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Funeral details to be confirmed.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

McGOWAN
Brendan John

Peacefully passed away on 18th December in Llandough Hospital; beloved husband of Heather (deceased), adored dad of Jane, John and Anne. Father-in-law to Paul and Mandy, cherished grandad and great-grandad.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 9th January, service and cremation 1pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

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PITTARD DAVIES
Aubrey Humphrey

Peacefully, Aubrey passed away on Friday, 13th December. Adored husband of Peggy, dearly loved father of Andrew and Kathryn, much devoted grandfather of Luke, Rachel, Katie and Michael.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 7th January, service 11.30am at All Saints Church, Barry, followed by interment 1pm in Barry Cemetery.

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GIBBONS
Florence Mabel

Peacefully on the 12th December at the UHW aged 97 years. Loving wife to Richard, a devoted mum to Peter and Michael, respected mother-in-law to Margaret. Also a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother.

Florence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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MARSDEN
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Terry will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever and always be held in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Thursday, 9th January at 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, followed by Memorial Service at 12pm at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, in memory of Terry , may be made to Dementia UK at the service.

Family Notices

MERRICK
Annette Jane

Sadly announcing the passing of Annette, aged 61 years on 9th December 2019. Annette's sons, Christian and Richard wish to pay tribute to their fantastic, loving and caring mum.

They will cherish their memories for eternity.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until her funeral service at A.G. Adams Chapel on Friday, 3rd January at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

ALLISON
Denis Charles

Peacefully passed at Llandough Hospital on 21st December. Husband of Mavis and father to Mike and Nigel.

Denis will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Park Funeral Services, Barry. A service to celebrate Denis' life will be held at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 10th January at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers made be made to Marie Curie.

HAYNES
George

Passed away peacefully at his home in Cowbridge on 12th December, aged 85 years. A champion of Cowbridge's history and successful campaigner of St Quentin's Castle. Husband of the late Nino, father to Valerie and Steven, grandfather to Lucien, Madeleine, Ben, Georgia and Dominic. Most recently, a much loved partner to Helen.

George will be very sadly missed by his family and friends.

Resting at J.Pidgeon & Son, 539 Cowbridge Road East, Victoria Park, Cardiff (02920 226604) until the service in the Church of the Holy Cross, Cowbridge on Tuesday, 7th January at 10.30am, afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium. All welcome. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

FLANDERS
Denzil Thomas

Denzil, of Llantwit Major, passed away on 21st December aged 92 years, with his son Paul at his side. Beloved husband of the late Agnes, devoted father of Paul and the late Alison, dadcu to Rachel, Jennifer, Patrick and David, and great dadcu to Sophia, Grace, Michael and Eva.

Will be hugely and sadly missed by all.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral to be held at 1.30pm on Monday, 13th January at St Illtyds Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

JENKINS
Annie Mary (Nancy) (Jenkins Taxi Porthcawl)

Nancy formerly of Fenton Place, Porthcawl, passed away peacefully on 8th December, 2019 at Picton Court Care Home. Beloved wife of the late Glyn, loving stepmother of Keith and daughter-in-law Gillian, grandmother of Josephine and Alison and great-grandmother of Thomas.

Funeral service and cremation at Margam Crematorium on Thursday, 9th January 2020 at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Tenovus Cancer Care c/o Gareth and Rhodri Howell of E Esaias & Son Funeral Directors, 39 Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend, CF33 6DB.

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Police officers and staff recognised in New Year's Honours list

OFFICERS and staff from South Wales Police have been recognised in the Queen's New Year Honours.

Retiring Deputy Chief Constable Richard Lewis and Police Constable Bharat Narbad have been awarded the Queen's Police Medal (QPM), with Detective Constable Graham Budd receiving an MBE and Debbie Farrar, a Protecting Vulnerable People investigator, a BEM.

Richard Lewis, who marked his last day in the job after 32 years in November, said: "I was totally taken aback when the letter arrived. I am absolutely delighted and feel incredibly lucky to have received it at the end of my career.

"But this is for all the people I have worked with over the years and throughout my policing career. It's a great honour for me and my family – and I know my father, in particular, will be chuffed."

PC Baz Narbad, from the police's BAME recruitment team and the chairman of the South Wales Police Black Police Association, said: "It came totally out of the blue – the letter was a massive surprise but I was very proud as well. I love the work I am able to do in the community and for our staff association. I don't do it for recognition but I am really honoured, and I just hope I can continue to do what I can to make South Wales Police more representative of our communities."

DC Graham Budd, who has been honoured for services to community policing in Cardiff, said: "I feel this is not so much a recognition of myself as of everyone I've worked with." Graham, who was stabbed during a drugs raid in 2017, added: "What happened to me could have happened to anyone. We are a team, and this recognition is as much theirs as it is mine."

Debbie Farrar, an investigator in our Protecting Vulnerable People unit who has been recognised for services to policing, said: "For me, this is recognition of what we do as a team – it's for everyone involved with vulnerable people, but also including those vulnerable people themselves, whose bravery and courage is inspirational.

"I am only a small part of the bigger team, and this is a reflection of a wider collaborative effort."

Responding to the New Year Honours announcement, Chief Constable Matt Jukes said: "It's a huge source of pride to see four of my colleagues from South Wales Police recognised in this year's New Year Honours list. They have each given long and dedicated service to our communities but more than that, they have each shown tremendous leadership in keeping our communities safe and ensuring our organisation has continued to develop to face today's challenges."

Speaking about the individual recipients, Mr Jukes added: "On a personal note, I am delighted that Richard's contribution to the force and our communities has been recognised. He has a passion for the place and its people, only matched by his enthusiasm for technology. His work has ensured South Wales Police has remained at the cutting-edge of police technology and the new kit in the hands of officers and staff today is testament to the spirit of innovation that he has fostered. This leadership has gone beyond our borders and indeed, beyond the hi-tech with leadership across Wales on our work with young people in schools and communities.

"Bharat, known to everyone as Baz, has been a champion for our diverse communities as chairman of the South Wales Black Police Association and a member of a team dedicated to developing a workforce that is more representative of our communities. He has been an ambassador for the force in all that he's done and has also ensured that Black and Asian staff and officers are represented and supported throughout their service. Baz is a familiar figure in communities across south Wales and his contribution has been key in the progress we are making to better representing those communities as a force.

"DC Graham Budd has been part of tackling the terrible effects of drugs and organised crime in our communities for many years. As an expert witness and an experienced investigator, he has remained in the thick of that work across his long service. His courage to do this saw him stabbed in a terrible attack while undertaking a drugs raid and it is testament to Graham that after recovering, he was back, doing the work he loves. I now wish him the very best for his well-deserved retirement.

"Debbie's recognition with the British Empire Medal is a reflection of her dedication to keeping the most vulnerable in our communities safe. After long police service, much of it concerned with safeguarding vulnerable people, she focused most recently on keeping safe and returning children who go missing, particularly those who are often absent from places where they are in care. Those children know they can trust Debbie, as do fellow professionals, who I know will join me in our great pride in congratulating her on this recognition."

ABOVE: Richard Lewis.

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Bridgend Athletic Youth end first half of season as the champions after Bryncoch win

Ath players Ben Owen and Ryan Neagle fighting for possession. Photograph by John Canon.

BRIDGEND Athletic Youth can celebrate Christmas as Ospreys Division C East League Champions.

In a clash of the C East titans, they overcame fellow unbeaten side Bryncoch 19–5 on a rain soaked slippery surface at Newbridge Fields.

The Athletic started brightly, dominating possession and territory in the opening exchanges and took a fifth minute lead through a penalty from outside half Rhys Williams.

This brought an instant response from Bryncoch who, through a mixture of running rugby and driving mauls, forced the Athletic to concede penalties which gave the Neath side a line out five metres from the Athletic line. Despite repelling the drive, Bryncoch moved the ball wide for wing Kien Thomson to race over in the corner, for a 5-3 lead.

The Athletic then went close when wing Dan Osarigie was held wide out just short of the whitewash. Athletic full back Callum Reed gathered the clearance kick 40 metres out and ran strongly into the vistors' 22 where Bryncoch were penalised at the ruck. Williams second penalty restored the Athletic lead at 6-5. Both sides were finding the conditions tricky and often it was the side without the ball that was creating the pressure.

After 25 minutes, Athletic scrum half Josh Tidy moved the ball blind from a ruck on halfway. Centre Tom Reed fed his fellow centre Tomas Florence, who broke a tackle and outpaced the Bryncoch defence to run home from 45 minutes to increase his side's lead to 11–5.

The remaining 10 minutes of the half saw Bryncoch throw everything they had at the Athletic to force their way back into the game. The Athletic back row of flankers Ryan Neagle, Sion Vigus and No 8 Mike Gillet were immense with their tackle count during this period, with the whole 15 Ath players determined to keep their line intact. Heroic defence ensured the Athletic went in at half time with their hard earned 11-5 lead.

The Athletic brought on five substitutes at half time with Harrison Morgan, and Fynn Mordecai joining the pack in place of Morgan Thomas and Mike Gillet and Ethan White going to outside half, Joe Watts into the centre and Rhys Hyde replacing Tom Davies. Callum Reed also moved from full back to scrum half with Rhys Williams going to full back. Shortly after, hooker Ben Owen replaced hooker and captain Jack Obbard and Logan Shearan replaced injured prop John Coates.

However, it was Bryncoch who continued to have the early momentum as all the Athletic changes took time to get into the game. Morgan Bennet was securing good line out possession for the Athletic allowing half backs Reed and White to clear the Athletic lines.

Gradually the Athletic came back into the game and dominated the final quarter. Strong carries from front row forwards Ben Owen and Brandyn Fooks and a more sensible strategy of pick and goes in difficult handling conditions ensured the Athletic were no longer conceding possession through handling errors.

This had the effect of wearing down their opponents. With 10 minutes remaining the Athletic won a five-metre scrum when wing Hyde forced his opposite number to carry the ball back over his own line on the left-hand touchline. Reed and White moved the ball along the line where Florence tied in defenders before offloading to Watts, who threw a long pass to Osarigie, who raced over in the corner to give his side breathing space with a 16–5 lead.

The Athletic continued their stranglehold on the game and were awarded a penalty with the final move of the match, which White landed for a hard fought 19–5 victory and the spoils as undefeated Division C East champions.

New Youth coaches Chris Thomas and Huw Lewis selected 10 of their last season's under-16 side, alongside side five second year and seven third year youth players for this championship decider, which bodes well with the nucleus of 15 available next season. Experienced defence coach Paul Yardley has built a mean defensive outfit, only conceding four tries in the seven league matches. Yardley singled out the back row of Neagle, Vigus and Gillet alongside unsung hero prop Brandyn Fooks for special praise against Bryncoch.

The Athletic are now anticipated to move to the B Division for the remainder of this season.

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Isabel's first double – On and Off the Turf with Brian Lee

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams, 22, will have good cause to remember 2019.

On December 16 at far flung Fakenham Racecourse she rode her first ever double under National Hunt Rules when landing the Norfolk Hospice Monopoly Board Game Handicap Hurdle on *Olympic Honour* (7-2) and the Fakenham 2020 Annual Membership For Christmas Novices' Handicap Chase on *Agent Westy (*9-2).

Three-year-old *Olympic Honour* won by one-and-a-half lengths from *Highway Success*, partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson, and five-year-old *Agent Westy* came home four-and-a-half lengths in front of *Zen Master.*

They were Isabel's only two mounts at the meeting and both horses are trained by her father Evan Williams.

Isabel, who made the 245-mile trip to Fakenham in the yard's horsebox, driven by former rider Dai Burchell, said: "That's three wins now from three rides at the track," and added: "I'm just over the moon to have ridden my first double.''

Punters who backed Isabel's winners in a £1 double would have picked up £24.75.

Dinas lose their way as Barry come back to win local derby

THE league fixture list provided a local derby for the festive period (Barry home to Dinas Powys), but this was no Christmas cracker, this was a low quality, error-filled contest.

The victory was claimed by Barry as they scored two tries in the final 10 minutes to earn a win that they craved more than their neighbours from Dinas Powys. The home side played the conditions more effectively and accepted their limitations and kept their tactics simple whereas the 'Villagers' appeared to lack a coherent game plan. This, combined with a series of incoherent substitutions, condemned them to a second defeat of the season againt the 'Bombers'.

The Villagers, playing into the elements in the first half, took an early lead through a penalty from outside half Callum Bricknell and the home side responded through a try from first phase that saw the Dinas defence bamboozled by a straightforward moving of the ball from the base of the scrum to the left wing, who scored in the corner.

Just before half time Bricknell added a second penalty and, despite having had a player sin binned for 10 minutes during this period, the Villagers only trailed by 8–6 at half time. Dinas started the second half powerfully and having enjoyed total domination were awarded a penalty try after a series of offences by the home side. This was to be their final score of the game and as the contest developed, they lost what control and direction they had once had, and there was an inevitability when Barry firstly levelled the score at 13–3 and then scored the winning try as a 15-man rolling maul crashed over in the descending gloom for the winning try .

Unbeaten Rumney are the visitors to the Common on Saturday, January 4 for the first fixture of the new year.

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The Barry Skittles League – all the latest results

ALLFORM Cup second round: The Merrymen beat Sea View, Mighty Dockers beat H Bells, Cannon Balls beat Posties, Billy Whizz beat Park Rangers, Willie Wombles beat Witchill Poachers, 49ers beat Cavaliers, Royalists beat Witchill Nomads, and Blue Monkey beat Colcot Boys.

Alan Rosser Cup – *Group A:* Geest 267, Colcot Boys 244; Hairy Lemons 267, CUD 261. Team points: Geest 5, Hairy Lemons 5, Colcot Boys 2, CUD 0

Group B: Sea View 282, Park Lads 254; Cannon Balls 2, Witchill Nomads 3. Team points: Sea View 4, Cannon Balls 4, Witchill Nomads 4, Park Lads 0.

Group C: Bunker Boys 272, Merrymen 277. Team points: Merrymen 6, Bunker Boys 4, Cocoa Nuts 0, Tynny Lads 0.

Group D: Willie Wombles 249, Cavaliers 276. Team points: Cavaliers 6, Willie Wombles 4, Witchill Poachers 0, Alternatives 0.

Group E team points: Blue Monkey 4, Castle Boys 2, Royalists 2, Ex Servicemen 0.

Group F: 49ers 307, Barry Park B 284; Exiles 302, Billy Bluebirds 284. Team points: 49ers 6, Exiles 4, Billy Bluebirds 2, Barry Park B 0.

Group G: British Rail 279, Posties 267; Park Rangers 294, Billy Flyers 266. Team points: British Rail 4, Billy Flyers 4, Posties 2, Park Rangers 2.

Group H team points: H Bells 4, Billy Whizz 2, BP Breakaways 2, Abercrete 0.

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15 65 BMW 420 DXDrive Luxury 2dr Coupe Automatic, 19"alloys, sat nav, heated seats, 39k, grey, full leather.....£15995

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17 67 BMW 520 D XDrive SE 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, heated seats, black, full leather £18995

15 65 BMW X1 2.0 D XDrive X-Line 5dr Automatic (190bhp), sat nav, 18"alloys, 32k, bronze, full leather.....£16995

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17 67 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI 180 ST-Line 5dr, Ford warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 20k, silver.....£17495

16 66 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDi Blue Drive Premium 5dr 4WD, Hyundai warranty Dec 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, privacy glass, blue, full leather.....£14495

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16 66 INFINITI Q30 2.2D Premium Tech 5dr DCT automatic 4WD, panoramic roof, 18"alloys, 19k, grey, full leather.....£15995

18 68 JAGUAR F-PACE 2.0 D R-Sport 5dr Automatic, Jaguar warranty Oct 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 7k, black, full leather……£29995

17 67 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.0 MultiJet Limited 5dr 4WD, Jeep warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, 13k, grey, full leather £16495

16 16 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.2 Multijet 200 Night Eagle 5dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, 30k, met grey, full leather £14795

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16 66 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.2 M-Jet 200 Limited 5dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 23k, blue, full leather.....£15495

17 67 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.2 MultiJet 200 Limited 5dr Automatic, Jeep warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, 26k, black.....£16995

18 18 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.2 CRD MultiJet 200 Limited 5dr 4WD Automatic, Jeep warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, privacy glass, 12k, choice, full leather £17495

16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet Limited 5dr Automatic 4WD, sat nav, heated seats, black, full leather.....£9495

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18 18 LAMBORGHINI HURACAN LP640-4 Performante LDF 4WD 2dr lift system, Lamborghini warranty May 2022, 20"black alloys, rear view camera with pdc, green brake callipers £179995

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17 17 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER SPORT 5.0 V8 Autobiography Dynamic 5dr Automatic, Land Rover warranty June 2020, stealth pack, sat nav, pan roof, privacy glass, 9k, white, full leather £53995

16 66 MERCEDES C43 4Matic Premium 2dr Coupe Automatic, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 22k, white, half-leather…£29995

18 18 MERCEDES E350 D 4Matic AMG Line Premium Plus 2dr Coupe 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty July 2021, pan roof, sat nav, 19"alloys, 5k, choice, half-leather.....£30995

16 66 MERCEDES GLC220d 4Matic Sport Premium 5dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, grey, full leather £21995

18 68 MERCEDES GLC220 D 4Matic AMG Line 5dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Oct 2021, pan roof, night pack, 20" alloys, sat nav, reverse camera, 4k, choice £27995

18 18 MERCEDES GLC250 D 4Matic AMG Line 5dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, 20"alloys, 15k, choice, full leather £26995

18 18 MERCEDES GLE250 D 4Matic AMG Night Edition 5dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Aug 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 20"alloys, 10k, black, full leather £32995

13 63 MITSUBISHI ASX1.8 4 5dr 4WD, pan roof, sat nav, 44k, black, full leather £7995

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16 66 BMW 118 D Sport 5dr, sat nav, 17"alloys, comfort pack, 30k, black **£11495**

17 67 BMW 320 D M Sport Shadow Edition 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, harman kardon, heated seats, blue, full leather **£16295**

16 66 BMW 330e M Sport 4dr Step Automatic, M sport plus pack, sat nav, 19"alloys, 28k, estoril blue, full leather **£19995**

15 15 BMW 420 D SE 190 2dr Coupe Automatic, sat nav, 18"m sport alloys, black, full leather **£12995**

17 67 BMW 420 D Sport Gran Coupe 5dr (190bhp), BMW warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 20k, black, full leather **£16995**

17 67 BMW 420d [190] M Sport 5dr Gran Coupe Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2020, 19"alloys, pro media, m sport + pack, Harman kardon, choice, full leather **£18995**

15 65 BMW 520 D [190] SE Estate Automatic, sat nav, privacy glass, white, full oyster leather **£13995**

16 66 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr Automatic, sat nav, heated seats, black, full leather **£14995**

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17 17 CITROEN C4 CACTUS 1.2 PureTech Flair 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, 15k, silver **£8795**

16 16 DS DS3 1.2 Puretech Elegance 3dr, cruise, dab, 17"black alloys, 17k, yellow **£6995**

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17 17 FIAT 500X 1.6 E-Torq Pop Star 5dr, sat nav, bluetooth, cruise, 16k, black **£9495**

16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.0 EcoBoost 140 ST-Line Navigation 5dr, Ford warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, 17"alloys, Bluetooth, dab, 7k, black **£10495**

19 69 FORD FOCUS 1.5 EcoBoost 182 ST-Line X 5dr, Ford warranty Oct 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, only 311 miles in white, half-leather **£19995**

16 66 FORD FOCUS 1.5 TDCI Titanium X Navigation 5dr Powershift Automatic, Ford warranty Jan 2024, sat nav, reverse camera, 24k, orange **£11995**

17 17 FORD FOCUS 1.5 TDCI 120 Zetec Edition 5dr, Ford warranty Aril 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, silver **£8495**

14 14 FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCI 115 Navigator 5dr, appearance pack, sat nav, privacy glass, red **£6795**

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17 66 FORD S-MAX 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr (7-Seater), Ford warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, cruise,34k, met red **£14995**

16 16 HYUNDAI i30 1.6 CRDI BlueDrive Premium 5dr, Hyundai warranty June 2021, sat nav, 27k, white, full leather **£9495**

19 19 HYUNDAI i30 2.0 T GDI N Performance 5dr (271BHP), Hyundai warranty April 2024, sat nav, reverse camera, 19"alloys, 3k, black, half-leather **£21995**

16 66 HYUNDAI i40 1.7 CRDi Blue Drive Premium 4dr, Hyundai warranty Nov 2021, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, 30k, silver, full leather **£11795**

19 69 HYUNDAI KONA 1.6 150kw GDI Hybrid Premium SE 5dr Automatic, Hyundai warranty Oct 2024, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, only 464 miles in orange **£22995**

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18 18 MERCEDES A180 D Sport Executive 5dr Automatic, Mercedes warranty Aug 2021, sat nav, cruise, dab, 9k, choice **£18495**

18 18 MERCEDES A200 D Sport Executive 5dr Automatic, Mercedes warranty March 2021, sat nav, usb, reverse camera, 16k, silver **£15995**

18 18 MERCEDES C200 Sport Premium 4dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty May 2021, pan roof, sat nav, heated seats, 15k, choice, full leather **£19495**

18 68 MERCEDES C200 Sport 5dr Estate 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Oct 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 7k, black, full leather **£19995**

18 18 MERCEDES C220 D AMG Line 2dr Coupe Automatic, Mercedes Benz warranty until July 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 10k, silver, full leather **£23995**

18 68 MERCEDES C300 AMG Line Premium 2dr Coupe 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Dec 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 7k, choice, half-leather **£27995**

15 65 MERCEDES C350e Sport Premium Plus 4dr Automatic, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, 41k, silver, full leather **£17995**

17 67 MERCEDES CLA220 D AMG Line 5dr Estate Tip Automatic, Mercedes warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, privacy glass, cruise, red, half-leather **£17495**

17 67 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 5dr Estate 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, 19"alloys, 13k, choice, half-leather **£20495**

17 17 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 4dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Aug 2020, sat nav, xenons, 20k, choice **£19995**

17 17 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 4dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Aug 2020, widescreen sat nav, ambient lighting, xenons, heated seats, 20k, choice, half-leather **£19995**

18 68 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line Premium 2dr Convertible 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Oct 2021, sat nav, 20"alloys, reverse camera, 2k, silver **£28995**

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16 66 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, Mini warranty Dec 2019, air-con, Bluetooth, aux, usb, 25k, white **£8795**

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16 66 NISSAN JUKE 1.5 DCI N-CONNECTA 5 D, sat nav, reverse camera, choice **£8995**

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16 66 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI N-Connecta 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, choice **£10495**

17 67 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Acenta 5dr Xtronic Automatic (7-Seater), Nissan warranty Oct 2020, pan roof, cruise, 9k, blue **£14995**

16 66 PEUGEOT 108 1.0 Active 5dr, air-con, cruise, aux, blue **£4995**

18 18 PEUGEOT 308 1.2 Pure Tech 130 GT Line 5dr, Peugeot warranty May 2021, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 22k, blue **£10995**

17 17 PEUGEOT 3008 2.0 BlueHDI 150 GT-Line 5dr, Peugeot warranty June 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, 30k, blue **£16995**

17 17 RENAULT CLIO 0.9 TCE 90 Dynamique S Nav 5dr (facelift), Renault warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 17"alloys, 11k, blue **£8995**

15 65 RENAULT KADJAR 1.5 DCI Dynamique S Nav 5dr, sat nav, 19"alloys, pdc, choice **£9295**

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17 67 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 CDTI Elite 5dr, Vauxhall warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, 20k, silver, full leather **£9795**

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17 66 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI Blue Motion Tech GTI 5dr Automatic (220bhp), VW warranty March 2020, sat nav, cruise, heated seats, 10k, red **£17995**

17 67 VW PASSAT 1.4 TSI GTE Estate DSG Automatic (215bhp), sat nav, heated seats, 18"alloys, black, half-leather **£18495**

16 66 VW SCIROCCO 2.0 TDi BlueMotion Tech GT 3dr DSG Automatic, sat nav, 18"black alloys, dab, grey, half-leather **£13995**

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19 19 VOLVO V40 1.5 T3 R-Design Edition 5dr Automatic, Volvo warranty April 2022, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, only 730 miles in black, full leather **£18995**

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17 17 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Eco Zetec Estate, sat nav, cruise, met grey

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Local derby victory for Pencoed 2nds

PENCOED Second XV visited Llanharan for a league match at the Welfare Ground which was played in good spirit throughout.

It was the first local derby at this level for many a year, and Pencoed took the spoils by 38–5. In an evenly fought first half, Pencoed led 10–0 at the interval through tries by Owain Clarke and Josh Lane.

The highlight of the half, much to the amusement of the considerable Pencoed support, was the subtle skills shown by prop forward Darren Rice whose measured grubber kick and regather had the crowd aghast !

Pencoed started the second half strongly and, following pressure in the home 22, outside half Jack Bevan sent centre Tom Geere powering over at the posts, with Bevan adding the extras.

Bevan was soon again in the picture, breaking from deep and good combined play saw scrum half Andrew Williams dart over from the resultant scrum for the try bonus point, Bevan converting.

To their credit ,'Llan' hit back. Driving play from their pack saw front row forward Jay Fletcher force his way over.

Pencoed returned to the attack, replacement Jack Thompson made a break and pressure in the home 22 saw Bevan pick a good angle at pace to score before adding a fine conversion.

Pencoed left the best until last , Josh Sands leaving the home defence spellbound with a mesmerising run for a stunning score. Bevan converted for a fine 38–5 victory.

For Pencoed, in a good all round squad display half backs Williams and Bevan did well, young 10 Bevan giving a most assured performance. At forward the front row trio of Rice, hooker Joe Daniel and Gareth Thomas gave their side the necessary platform, with the potential of Lucas Galino noticed at second row.The Second XV squad will now break off to enjoy the Christmas festivities !

TR

Latest news from Barry Chess Club

IN the last week of chess in 2019 the Barry Chess Club played two home matches.

Before this night throughout the four divisions of the East Glamorgan Chess Clubs, only three teams, Pentyrch Amateurs, Barry Camelots and Pontypridd Barbarians remained unbeaten and only one team, the Barry Stauntons, had lost every match.

In division 2 the Camelots hosted the Barbarians. Both teams were unbeaten so one of these records had to go. The Camelots were clearly full of the festive spirit as we failed dismally to score anything on the top three boards, with Tom Cooke being our only winner and Ian Abraham picking up a draw.

We therefore lost by 3.5–1.5 but remain in second place in the league table, two points behind the Barbarians with the Titans close on our heels. Fortunately we have a buffer of 2.5 points above the team outside the promotion spots.

In division 4 the Stauntons were at home to the Pentyrch Cardinals. Wins for Ken Curry, Erion Pici and Ieuan Thomas gave us our first victory of the season. This temporarily moved us up from ninth to seventh place in the table although the two teams below us have games in hand.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm most Mondays excluding Bank Holidays at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website first so that we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at *http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com*

PJ

Another bonus point win for the Blood and Blacks

LEFT: Llantwit Major outside half Loz Howley goes over for a try.

A fine performance by the Llantwit pack saw them rack up another bonus point victory as they beat Cefn Coed 38–13 rattling in six tries.

The first quarter was a cagey affair as both teams set at each other at a high tempo, with the visitors playing towards the school end dominant in the early exchanges.

The game plan from Cefn Coed appeared to be to throw everything at the league leaders in an attempt to unsettle them. And with a big heavy pack they were asking plenty of questions, coming close on several occasions to breaking through. But the home side held with the Rhys flankers,David and Hewitt, putting in some big hits. It was the visitors who were first on the score sheet with a penalty kick.

As the game went into the second quarter you could sense that Llantwit were just starting to edge proceedings and whenever they had a good platform, outside half Loz Howley started turning the big visiting pack.

The first try was a good example as a tactical kick by Howley to the Cefn winger was badly returned with the ball bouncing loose and immediately seized upon by the effervescent centre Rhys Balmont, who linked well with lock Shaun Shea to keep the ball alive. Shea, possibly had a chance to stretch his legs but wisely thought of his age instead and tied up the covering tacklers. The ball was quickly recycled out to centre Josh Austin who gave a nicely-weighted pass to Howley who, spotting the defence in tatters, sliced through like a knife through butter to cross for a very entertaining try.

The next try was all about the big boys in the pack who caused Cefn problems all afternoon with such a powerful scrum it could have bump started a tractor. And it proved its worth as a series of scrum penalties in the visitors' 22 left the match official with no option but to award a penalty try before the break and edge the home side ahead.

The second half started well for Llantwit as they extended their lead with wing Evan Holloway crossing out wide after some good long passes by the three-quarters stretched the opposition defence.

Llantwit were now hunting for the bonus point fourth try and it soon came when scrum half Steff Godwin, enjoying playing behind a dominant pack, produced a show and go to race over untouched.

It was not all one-way traffic though as Cefn battled back, scoring two well-taken tries to keep the game honest.

It was then left to the Llantwit centre partnership to have the final say as Josh Austin crossed after a brilliant piece of handling by the back line. He was quickly followed by his partner Balmont who had too much pace as he seized on some turn over ball to cross and seal another fine performance by the Blood and Blacks.

Man of the Match was scrum half Godwin whose crisp delivery was at the heart of most of the Llantwit attacking play. Further mention should go to tight forward Jamie Lewis who had a solid game in the pack.

Llantwit can now enjoy their turkey on top of the league table, but the coaches have already warned there is still a long, long way to go with plenty of tough games still to come, especially with the season so far being decimated by the weather.

AH

Bridgend Athletic Youth march on with a big victory over Nanymoel

BRIDGEND Athletic Youth maintained their unbeaten run in the Ospreys C East league with a resounding victory against a very plucky Nantymoel team at Newbridge Fields.

They top the league with six wins from 6–5 with bonus points and have a remarkable 241–26 points differential,crossing for 38 tries with only three against.

Coming off a slightly lacklustre display the previous week, the coaches had re-iterated to the players about the style of play they want played and the players responded remarkably, scoring nine tries – eight from the backs.

From the first whistle, the Ath dominated a very committed team – the first score coming from a great break by centre Tom Reed, who gave an inside pass to Morgan Bennett who was tackled 20 metres short, a great pick up by Harrison Morgan saw him give a tr-scoring pass to winger Danny Osarigie.

Two minutes later, a set play saw centre Tom Reed charging towards the defence before feeding fellow centre Tom Florence who stepped the full back to cross over under the posts.

Practically from the restart the Ath had a lineout on their 10-metre line. Quick ball off the top saw scrum half Josh Tidy throw a dummy before racing over the line from 60 metres for a fantastic individual try.

Five minutes later, winger Danny Osarigie picked up loose ball inside his own half before racing away to sidestep the full back and score under the posts.

A short while later, following great work by second rows Harrison Morgan and Morgan Thomas, centre Tom Florence flew over under the posts for the bonus point try.Outside Half Rhys Williams, capping a great first half performance, with five out of five conversions for a 35-0 half time lead.

Nantymoel rallied early in the second half to score a driving try through the forwards, the conversion narrowly missed.

This however spurred the Ath on and winger Tom Davies scored an outstanding try. Following great work by forwards and backs resulting in a great pass from outstanding full back Callum Reed to send him flying down the touchline to race away and score under the posts.

Two minutes later an unbelievable run from winger Rhys Hyde, returning after a long layoff from a nasty injury and looking extremely fit and dangerous, saw him set up a ruck 40 metres out. A quick pass from Tom Florence saw him feed Callum Reed who raced away to score under the posts, adding the conversion himself.

Nantymoel then had an attacking lineout five metres from the Ath try line. However, flanker Morgan Bennet stole the lineout deflecting the ball back to Fynn Mordecai who ran around the lineout, smashed through a few defenders before throwing a great inside pass to Danny Osarigie on the 22 which saw him race away to score under the posts for his hat trick try.

From the restart the Ath again attacked and Tom Florence gave a great pass to Fynn Mordecai hitting a great angle to race away and score under the posts, and converting to end the game at 59-5.

AB

Great results at Tae Kwon Do competition

FANTASTIC results once again for team JSTKD at the Welsh Closed Tae Kwon Do Championships held in Newport.

The team comprised, for the girls E Hardwick, N Park, G Waters and D Griffin; for the boys R Grinter, Z Grinter, J Grinter, R Jenkins, F Nadin, M Jones, L Wilson, K Wooler, J Bishop, M Preest, T Skone, H Thomas, I Robinson; and for the men, P Jelf and B Preest.

As usual, the whole team performed to a very high standard throughout in both the patterns and sparring divisions.

Taking the tournament Champion title in their respective sparring categories were Emily Hardwick, Rhys Grinter, Harry Thomas, Zac Grinter and Phil Jelf. Darcy Griffin, following a tough battle, also took the top spot in her final junior competition before moving into the Cadet division.

There were medals too for Isaac Robinson (silver) J Bishop and F Nadin (bronze). As well as continuing to impress in sparring, Zac claimed a silver for patterns.

JSTKD's director and head coach, Joseph Schembri commented: "Every member of the team fought outstandingly and I am delighted that many of them were rewarded with medals. We're now looking forward to continued success at the British Championships later this month."

JSTKD has classes throughout the Vale for all ages and abilities and offers a free taster lesson for new students. Full details at www.jstkd.co.uk.

Flint strikes at Ffos Las

BRIDGEND trainer John Flint had a welcome winner when his ten-year-old *Lac Sacre* landed the three miles and one furlong handicap chase at Ffos Las on Monday, December 16.

Former steel-worker Flint thinks a lot of this French-bred horse, which was ridden by Ben Jones, whose father Dai Jones is clerk of the course at Ffos Las.

Lac Sacre, a 4-1 chance, won by 12 lengths from *Tudor 's Treasure,* trained near Chepstow by Robert Stephens.

The opening handicap hurdle went to Debra Hamer's *Out Of The Glen,* which beat the Evan Williams trained *Ring The Moon.*

Tim Vaughan's *FreeDelivery* was a suprise 20-1 winner of the maiden hurdle, coming home three lengths ahead of Debbie Hamer's *Jac Brown*. *FreeDelivery* was patrnered by Richard Patrick.

Peterson-super-Ely's Phil Dando almost had a winner when *Driftwood Haze,* ridden by Ben Jones, was beaten half-a-length in the novices' handicap chase by Sam Drinkwater's *Some Can Dance* and David Brace's *Colorado Doc* was beaten by the odds-on *Thomas MacDonough* in the novices' hurdle event.

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Cowbridge get back on track with bonus point win

COWBRIDGE travelled to Llanishen RFC last Saturday looking to halt a three-match losing streak.

The corresponding home match in September was a close affair and Cowbridge soon displayed their intentions with some thrilling running from the kick off.

After just five minutes some great passing along the threequarters released Alex Guard to sprint 22 metres for a fine try, with centre Tom Hannah adding the extras.

Cowbride were soon back on the attack as props Craig Boxall and Wayne Fooks drove up the middle for flanker Richie Howson to continue the move, which broke down just inside the 22.

Llanishen slowly got into the game but a long clearance by Guard gave Cowbridge the chance to attack the lineout and the ever impressive Tom Higgins stole possession and crashed over the line, followed by a second conversion from the reliable boot of Tom Hannah.

Unfortunately, a Cowbridge yellow card allowed Llanishen back into the game and from a lineout they crossed for a converted try.

Cowbridge had several scoring opportunities in the rest of the half but were denied by small mistakes. However,the scrum was firing on all cylinders, which augured well for the second half.

Half time: Llanishen 7 Cowbridge 14

Cowbridge started the second half as they did the first. Llanishen failed clear from the kick off and scrum half Hywel Williams sparked some great interpassing among backs and forwards for captain Ross Gibbon to score under the posts, giving Hannah the simplest of conversions.

Cowbridge were now well on top with the back row of Ellis Reed, Jack Anderson and Richie Howson, along with second rows Ross Gibbon and Ben Cording, all rampaging around the field.

A lovely inside pass from Howson to Hannah then released flying wing Rhydian Williams to sprint down the touchline and step inside his opposite number for the bonus point try, with Hannah again converting.

Cowbridge received a second yellow card, but this time Llanishen were unable to capitalise as ferocious tackling, particularly from Anderson and Boxall, kept them at bay and Cowbridge extended their lead with a penalty from Alex Guard.

A few minutes later No 10 Gareth Williams-Davies and centre Tom James, who had both been influential throughout the game, combined to release Will Williams who sprinted over from 20 metres with Hannah again converting.

And that was it. **Final score Llanishen 7 Cowbridge 38.**

A great attacking and defensive display from the boys just when they needed to get the season back on track. The next game is at home this Saturday against Taffs Well, followed by Abercynon away on January 11, then Gilfach Goch home on January 18.

RV/RK

Llantwit scrape through after 'exhausting' local derby and keep unbeaten record

A typical blood and guts derby game saw the Blood and Blacks just edge out a spirited Old Penarthians 13-16.

The game kicked off in front of a big festive holiday crowd buoyed by a large Llantwit following at Penarth.

The tone was set by the home side who hammered into the visitors with some big plays combined with good tactical kicking. The Llantwit defence though was up to the task and just did enough to hold them out, a solitary penalty kick for a tackle offence the only score breaking the deadlock.

It was then time for the visitors to start exerting their own pressure, especially at the scrummage, which by now was already causing the Old Pens pack problems as it retreated repeatedly.

The home side though did remarkably well in still getting the ball away from danger and in doing so did just enough not to incur any penalties.

The next period was a cagey affair mostly in the centre of the field as both teams battled for supremacy, Llantwit just starting to edge proceedings.

On a rare entry to the Old Pens 22, Llantwit edged a scrum, then took a line out from a resultant penalty kick. First held up after their driving maul turned into a ruck, they were awarded a scrum 10 metres out. As it broke and the inevitable edge forward to the line began with several forwards coming close to scrambling over, Llantwit changed tactic and whisked the ball out and and with a lovely example of the old manta of 'letting the ball do the work', it was put through the hands of the entire back line to allow wing Evan Holloway to scamper over in front of the delighted travelling support . A great team try with the ground work done by the hard working pack finished off in style by the backs. Howley put the icing on the cake with a great conversion from out wide.

With possession and decisions now starting to go in their favour, Llantwit were threatening to edge clear.

However, straight from the kick off they conceded a penalty, which Penarth happily slotted over.

Llantwit went back to basics, put pressure on and were making headway but couldn't just couldn't find a way through. They were awarded a penalty kick for a trip on a kick chaser in the 22. With the one-eyed Llantwit supporters in unison and of course ever so politely, asking the question of a card, the match official chose a warning. Outside-half Loz Howley calmly slotted the three points.

Once again Old Pens responded this time, in emphatic style just before the break. They first trundled forward with a loose maul and a charge at the line before resetting and the outside-half spotted a gap and raced over without a Llantwit hand in touching distance. With the conversion good the score at half time was once again level at 13-13.

The second half only saw a further three points, so you would think was a dull affair, as the darkness slowly fell. But you couldn't be further from the truth as both teams just didn't let up, battering each other constantly. Llantwit had edge in but as hard as they tried, they just couldn't find a way through a brilliant display of defence by the home side – especially in the midfield – where Llantwit's attack was just never given any room. Also great credit for the stale mate has to also go to the home sides No 8, who put in a great performance in retrieving ball from a rapidly retreating scrum.

It was the home side, however, whose ill discipline proved costly as first their go to loose forward was yellow carded for some shenanigans which caused a dust up and then not long after his return a further yellow card was shown for a blatant knock on when Llantwit's back line were lining up an overlap. And it was this last infringement which would settle the game, as Loz Howley pointed to the posts, the nerves started to rise amongst the supporters. This was not a straightforward kick it was a difficult angle and a good 30m out. And the way the game was being played out was surely going to be the last chance. Howley though as cool as the cold side of a pillow took his time and calmly slotted over.

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Cowbridge Darts League latest news

IN the last evening of darts before the Christmas and New Year break, the Edmondes Arms, on December 17, hosted the Great Western Cup, a team knockout competition.

Seven of the nine teams in the league took part and most of the matches were very close.

In the first semi-final, the Edmondes B defeated the Hairy Farmers 2-1.

In the second semi-final, the Red Lion Inn played the Town Hall Criers. This was again a very close match with the Red Lion winning 2-1.

Present league standings, after eight weeks, are: Edmondes B (103 points), Highwayman Inn (93), Victoria Inn (88), Farmers Arms (73), Hairy Farmers (69), Edmondes C (64), Edmondes A (60), Town Hall Criers (57) and Red Lion Inn (46).

The first match of the New Year will be played on Tuesday, January 7, when the Farmers Arms will host the final of the Great Western Cup; the Red Lion Inn versus the Edmondes B.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at *cowbridgedarts@gmail.com*, up-to-date information can be found on the website: *www.darts.apsn.co.uk*.

Please note the league is very keen to grow and have more teams next season so anyone looking at putting a team together or landlords keen to host a darts team please get in touch.

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Johnny Clay – the man who made the difference

AT the end of a year when Tiger Woods amazed everyone by coming back to win a major tournament at the age of 43, after it seemed his career was over, the president of Cowbridge Cricket Club, Jeff Bird, looks back at a local man who stepped back on the stage at 50 years old to help Glamorgan win the biggest prize!

Every so often sport throws up an unexpected performance that casts the memory back to the days when the performer was at his/her peak.

Just think of Lester Piggott, Tiger Woods and Sprinter Sacre.

One comeback to rank alongside any was the recall to the Glamorgan colours of 50-year-old Johnny Clay who then proceeded to play a spectacular role in the Welsh county winning two crucial matches and securing the 1948 County Championship.

It was very much a case of Cowbridge winning the Championship for Glamorgan and Wales. Johnny Clay was born in Bonvilston at the end of the 19th century. He went to school at Winchester and by 1923 was representing Glamorgan.

When he was free of first class commitments he played for Cowbridge and in 1925 brought his friends Maurice Turnbull and Cyril Walters to play.

All three would go on to play test cricket. Johnny is recorded as having taken nine wickets in a match twice, against Barry and Pontypridd.

Johnny's career consisted of 373 first class matches and one test match against South Africa in 1935. His career yielded a total of 1,317 wickets at an average of 19.76. These figures tell us that Clay was a very good bowler.

Johnny was called up again against Australia in 1938 but considered himself unlikely to last a full five days so it was to be just the one test match.

Perhaps we can see here the beginnings of an all too common theme of Glamorgan cricketers gaining fewer caps than their talent suggested they should have (Parkhouse, Lewis, Maynard, Morris, James, Watkin) or none at all (Don Shepherd) and in one case even had his cap taken away (Alan Jones).

Amazingly, Johnny as an amateur cricketer held the role of treasurer of Glamorgan between 1933 and 1938 with his friend Turnbull as secretary. One cannot imagine the modern day players being allowed to hold such positions but then Glamorgan were very short of money. The glamorous duo proved themselves adept at fundraising but unfortunately the four matches played at Cowbridge in the 1930s failed financially..

No doubt Johnny would have added to his records had the war not interrupted it but when peace allowed the restart of cricket in 1947, he skippered the side before handing over to Wilf Wooller.

In the run in of the last three matches in 1948 it seemed that two wins would secure the title for Glamorgan. 'Woollers' had the task of making the decision as to who would replace the injured Phil Clift in the side to contest these last matches.

To Wooller it was never a decision that troubled him. If Johnny could be persuaded, he played.

Two victories followed and Wooller was entirely vindicated and by some measure. Bowling like a man half his age and at the very top of his game, Johnny took 19 for 125 over the four innings, both Surrey and Hampshire being obliged to follow on.

Use whichever adjective you feel appropriate to describe the performance, but it must rank as one of the decisive contributions ever made in sport. Put into context, Johnny Clay's destruction of two county XIs in both innings was all happening in arguably the premier non-test match first class competition in the world.

The pressure was on, Glamorgan were challenging seriously for the first time and remember Johnny was 50 years old.

He did not play for Glamorgan again. He contented himself mainly playing for Cowbridge and The South Wales Hunts. He became president of Cowbridge CC and would bring a team of Glamorgan's young professionals to play as his President's XI to the club each year.

Retaining his influence at Glamorgan, he also served as the county club's president. Often of a Saturday, Johnny would watch the game being played that day at Cowbridge and leave a substantial note of the realm for the players to have a drink.

Such generosity left a lasting image of a 'lovely man' with David 'Scoop' Lewis. Another image is, of course, his portrait by Douglas Davies which hangs in the Pavilion.

If you visit Johnny Clay's resting place in St Hilary, a village close to Cowbridge, look for the marble cricket ball resting on the gravestone.. There could not be a more appropriate symbol of a cricketing life.